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# Some workers' wages doubled

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA and Ukraine supply problems, but most vesterday ended state controls that have kept pricesartificially low for seven decades, but shoppers who braved the queues found the same old empty shelves - and some stores did not open at all.

The two republics have freed most retail prices. bringing 25-fold increases in the cost of some goods, and Belorussia and Turkmenia will follow suit today. Bread, milk, vodka and tobacco prices are still controlled, but were on New Year's eve.

Some wages are being doubled to ease the burden, and in Ukraine and Belorussia coupons are being issued on top of salaries for use instead of money in state shops. Russia has increased its minimum monthly salary to 340 roubles (£340 at official rates. £2.50 at tourist rates and most republics are abolishing the official ceiling on wages. though state authorities are expected to want higher productivity in return for more pay. Trade unions are already

In Moscow, bread that cost 60 kopeks two days ago is now selling at nearly two roubles; the price of Polish sauage has doubled to about 60 rots have gone up from 50 kopeks to nearly three roubles a kilo. "Bread is all I can afford to buy now," one elderstashed a loaf into her bag. Petrol has gone up from 40 kopeks to 1.20 roubles a litre ad taxi fares are ten times

The removal of subsidies

shelves remained empty. Windows advertised milk, but there was none to be found although champagne was plentiful at 156 roubles a bottle. "This is strange so many cows in this great coun-try, but no milk another elderly shopper complained.

In St Petersburg 80 per cent of shops were shut beand the warehouses that supstocktaking. In Moscow, too, many shops were closed and those that opened were unsure of what to charge now that state controls had gone.

Where shops had received fresh supplies - butter, sweets and alcohol were queues built up and custom ers were limited in how much they could buy. Most shoppers took the increases calmty to pay up to half a month's salary for some salami and butter indicated how people have accumulated large quantities of roubles over the past year - partly through the fourfold increase in the money supply and partly because there has been nothing in the shops to buy.

The overnight freeing of prices and simultaneous change in the tax system are introduce market reforms and of the people's readiness to accept Polish-style "shock therapy". Some economists have criticised the policy, arguing that privatisation should have come first; others have predicted food riots.

Ukraine had not planned to free prices until later in the year, but was spurred into



Picking a chicken: shoppers at a Moscow market yesterday test frozen poultry for freshness — with disappointing results

would pour across the border to buy subsidised goods or that farmers would sell their produce for higher prices in the neighbouring republic.
Yesterday's abolition of subsidies was the third attempt in 18 months to reform prices. The former Soviet prime minister Nikolai Ryzhkov planned to introduce reforms in June 1990, but the tinned on page 16, col 5

> Prices rises and Yeltsin therapy, page 6

# A SENIOR police officer yes-

#### Georgia set for takeover

OPPOSITION leaders in Georgia yesterday declared a state of emergency and said they had set up a military council to take over from President Gamsakhurdia, who remained under siege inside the Tbi-lisi parliament after 12 days of fighting. They said that Tengiz Sigua (above). the former prime minister. had been reappointed to replace Bessarion Gug-

# One in 12 fail

breath tests Nearly 5,000 motorists, one in 12 tested and over 1 per cent more than in 1990, gave positive breath tests in the Christmas period despite the govern-ment sponsored advertising campaign which branded drink-drivers as potential killers..... page 2

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Peter Riddell, page 10 Sterling strengthens, page 17

# Police defend shooting of man with replica gun

terday defended the decision to shoot dead a man later found to be armed with replica weapons that could not be

a 9mm Heckler and Koch weapon at the end of a 22hour siege at his flat in Rastrick, West Yorkshire, on Wednesday night. Bill Hughes, West Yorkshire's Assistant Chief Constable in charge of operations, said yesterday: Those who carry replica weapons must realise it's

The parents of the dead

siege peacefully. They said that they would be taking legal advice with a view to making a formal complaint

against the police. A chief superintendent from the South Yorkshire force is already carrying out an investigation into the shooting, under the supervi-sion of the independent Police Complaints Authority. A copy of a video film of the shooting, made by a neighbour, was handed to police yesterday and will be studied during the investigation.

Martin Healey, who filmed the final moments of the siege from his home, said that police had not given Mr Bennett enough warning. "If they had negotiated with him, they would probably have got believe it. Although he was brandishing a weapon, I did not take his threats seriously and thought he was only seeking attention.

The incident began shortly after a taxi driver reported that Mr Bennett had at tacked his car with a sword. Two local officers then reported being threatened with a gun, which appeared to have Continued on page 16, col 2

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KITCHENS, BEDROOMS

& BATHROOMS

# No need for interest rate rise, says bank governor BY PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE governor of the Bank of England yesterday ruled out an immediate rise in interest rates and backed the government in insisting that sterling should not be devalued to

boost the economy. Echoing the prime minister in his New Year's day interview. Robin Leigh-Pemberton also voiced confidence that 1992 would prove to be a year of recovery.

As the Labour leadership

laid plans for months of relentiess campaigning. John Major was challenged to call a general election to end the paralysis" affecting economic policy-making. Neil Kinnock has sum-

moned Labour leaders to a shadow cabinet summit in London on Tuesday. The meeting will put the final touches to campaigns to explain to the electorate Labour's alternative for running the economy, and to highlight the government's 13 wasted years".

Although MPs will not return to Westminster until the following week, the Labour machine is being put into top gear for an election that the

shadow cabinet expects to be in April or May. The film producer David Puttnam will next week emerge from be-INDEX Births, marriages.

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hind the camera to front a Labour party political broadcast.

Conservative MPs were boosted by the intervention of the bank governor. He accepted that the economy was going through a "difficult time" because of the movement of German and American interest rates, but at present there was a "better tone" in sterling, he told the



Leigh-Pemberton: rules out a devaulation -

Channel 4 programme Busi-

Emphasising that Mr Mafor had made plain that interest rates would be increased if necessary, Mr Leigh-Pemberton said: "There seems to me no immediate need to raise rates and I hope in the medium term there won't be

The governor did not believe in "knee jerk" measures to stimulate the economy. The key to long-term recovery and a steady economy was stable economic policies in the medium term. "If we can achieve that, all things about which people are so disappointed at the moment should be ironed out in the future," he said. "It sounds perhaps a pipe dream, but it

s possible to achieve this." He then said: "All of us are confident that 1992 will be a year of recovery. People are doubting this but all forecasters, not only in the Treasury Continued on page 16, col 6

#### man later claimed that police had refused to allow them an opportunity to talk their son out of the flat and to end the

Ian Bennett, aged 34. died

from three shots fired by a police marksman armed with a very dangerous practice. It is impossible for police to tell if it is a replica without close

# Esso price cut sparks war at petrol pumps

A PETROL price war is expected this weekend after Esso yesterday cut the price of a gallon by more than 6p. Unleaded petrol should fall below E2 a gallon, with some supermarket chains offering four-star at similar prices.

Esso said that it had cut

Esso's move was followed promptly by BP and Tesco. From this morning Esso will cut unleaded by 7.3p a gallon (1.6p a litre) and leaded by snow and icy rain to the Levant and disrupted liv-6.4p a gallon (1.4p). Unleaded will fail to 199.6p a gallon ing and working conditions throughout normally (43.9p a litre) and leaded to parched lands, with 16 in 215.9p (47.5p). Diesel comes of snow in Israel .. page 16 down by 1p a litre to 43.5p.

prices because of further reductions in the international cost of petrol and to changes

in exchange rates. BP responded immediately by cutting 6.4p a gallon (1.4p a litre) from midnight tonight, taking four-star to 216.0p (47.5p) and unleaded to 199.6p (43.9p). Diesel prices fall by 3.6p a gallon to 197.8p (43.5p). Tesco said it would cut 8p off a gallon.

This time last year prices for both leaded and unleaded were below £2 a gallon, but the Gulf war pushed up prices

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# Cullers take on 'thugs of bird kingdom'

BY MICHAEL MCCARTHY ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

ONE man's pest is another man's friendly little bundle of fur or feathers: Whether charged with ridding Kew of destructive grey squirrels or the Royal parks of messy Canada geese, the capital's pest control experts are facing more and more angry.

Nearly 2,000 eggs of Canada geese were pinpricked to prevent hatching were pinpricised to prevent natching in London's parks last year, but it was not enough. Many other eggs were replaced with wooden dumnies, but the greedy bird, said to number about 10,000 in London, is still on course to double its population every five years.

Wandsworth council, whose spokesman dubbed the geese "the years ago to shoot large numbers of

thugs of the bird kingdom" took part in the egg-pricking exercise. It is now evertheless considering hiring a specialist firm to shoot up to 200 of the 800 birds in its parks this month to prevent further damage to grass and other vegetation through their grazing and droppings.

David Goode, director of the London Ecology Unit, which co-ordinated the egg-pricking exercise, said that shooting was the wrong answer because birds would simply move in from other parts of London to fill the gaps. Egg-pricking in a consistent manner will bring the population down," he said. If the shooting does go ahead it will

undoubtedly provoke protests from animal welfare campaigners, and

perhaps worse: when the Royal

Botanic Gardens at Kew decided two

the grey squirrels which were destroying rare tree species, staff re-ceived telephone calls threatening them with letter bombs. The shooting policy has been abandoned. Jenny Evans, in charge of pest control at Kew, said: "We are living with the

The mink, now aggressively thriving in many parts of Britain after escaping from fur farms, is another creature caught in the pest controversy. One school of thought holds it to be a bloodthirsty little monster best eradicated; another, that it is a valuable new addition to British wildlife. Colin Booty, wildlife officer for the RSPCA, says: "We have to accept

The RSPCA gives two guidelines: is the culling proved necessary by sound scientific evidence rather than

that there are occasions when cuiling

there alternatives. "In the case of Wandsworth, we feel that shooting is not necessary," he said.

Extreme emotions were often aroused and were best avoided. "On the one hand there is the extreme bunny-hugging variety, the sickly sentimentalists who don't want to see any killing whatsoever, and on the other there are those people who engage in the character assassination of a species.

"Calling Canada geese 'the thugs of the bird world' is an example of this. Magpies are another example. People feel they are responsible for the decline of our songbirds. But although magpies have increased. and songbirds have declined, there is not as yet any proven link."

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# More fail breath test despite campaign against hard-core

By Michael Horsnell and Kerry Gill

THE number of motorists failing breath tests over the Christmas period has increased despite the government sponsored advertising campaign which branded drink-drivers as potential killers and common criminals.

Figures released by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) yesterday showed that nearly 5,000 motorists, representing nearly 8 per cent of drivers tested, were over the limit, more than I per cent higher than the

The figures show that of 64,010 tests in England and Wales, 4,947 gave positive results. This compares to 5.298 the previous year, when 79,183 drivers were tested. However, the disappointing results coincided with a 22 per cent drop in the number of road accidents in which people were injured. The reduction in the num-

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ber of tests carried out was due partly to a decision to target groups which had been shown by research to be most likely to flout the law, particularly middle-aged, middle-

Terrorist alerts were mainly responsible for the reduction in breath tests in London as police concentrated on security. The Metropolitan Police carried out 12,000 tests, compared to 18,000 the previous year, obtaining positive results in 835 cases, compared to 838 in 1990.

Walter Girven, chief constable of Wiltshire and secretary of ACPO's traffic committee, said: "Unfortunately the encouraging trends of previous years have not been continued and despite the reduction in the number of breath tests administered, almost 8 per cent of those tested proved to be over the limit. This means

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CHRISTMAS DRINK-DRIVE FIGURES

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that 4.947 drivers have shown a blatant disregard for the law and more importantly for the lives and safety of themselves and other road In Scotland the number of

motorists who failed the breath test over the new year holiday was almost three times higher than last year. During 24 hours, 29 drivers were found positive, compared to ten last year, although the number of drivers tested was greater this year. In the three days from 7am on Monday until yesterday 71 drivers were found positive, compared to 67 last year. Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, the under secretary of state for home affairs and the environment, Scottish Office. said he was "extremely disappointed". He said: "Motorists must realise that their chances of being caught if they drink and drive are now much greater than before, not only over holiday periods but throughout the year. Drivers should remember that alcohol remains in the body for some time after a person has stopped drinking. This means that someone could easily be over the legal limit the day after a night's

There were disappointing results from Sussex. Warwickshire and Nottinghamshire police, forces which had earned a reputation for their hardline approach but which did not mount special campaigns this Christmas.

drinking.

In Sussex, positive tests increased from the previous year's 8.6 per cent to 16.9 per cent and the percentage of positive tests in Warwickshire rose from 9.5 per cent last year to 17.5 per cent. In Nottinghamshire 12.9 per cent of tests were found to be positive this year (79 out of 609) compared with 3.3 per cent (114 out of 3.462) last

Christmas.
Chief Insp Roger Curtis,
ACPO's traffic committee spokesman, said: "The campaign was not a failure. We have got the message over to young people not to drink. and drive. It is unfortunate that a hard-core of selfish drivers are still on the road. Police would like the right to

Judge was double drink-driver A RETIRED county court

79,183 64,010 5,298 4,947 6,157 4,766

judge who was caught drink driving twice in a week, including once outside a police station, has been banned for two years and fined £700. Charles Munro, aged 73. of Rochester, Kent, admitted

West Yorkshire

two charges at Medway magistrates court, Chatham. Michael O'Flaherty, prosecuting, said that police stopped Mr Munro 200

yards from Rochester police

station at 9.43pm on Novem-

ber 23. Tests showed that he had 79mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath, against the legal limit of 35mg. A week later, an officer saw him reversing out of a lay-by

outside the police station. A breath test showed he had 67 mg of alcohol. Patrick Bligh, defending, said that Mr Munro had

been under great stress because his wife had Alzheimer's disease. He had a heart condition which meant

After the hearing, Chief Inspector Ian Ovenden of Rochsecond offence had been committed after Mr Munro had reported to the station to show his driving documents. The police officer who took his details suspected him of

ester police said that the drinking. He followed Mr Munro out of the police station and saw him attempting



Heading east: Jim Darley, right, and Alan Lynas attending a weekly prayer meeting with the elders of the Middlesbrough mosque

# Police invited to Pakistan wedding

TWO police constables who have devoted themselves to building bridges with the Asian community on their beat in central Middlesbrough have received probably the most unusual honour to date: they have been in-vited to Pakistan to attend the wedding of the son of the chairman of Cleveland's 1slamic Society, Kurban Hus-

The local police authority, with cross-party support, has

A JUDGE at the Central

Criminal Court yesterday criticised legislation that pre-

vented juvenile courts from

Sentencing a 14-year-old

boy to be detained for two

years and ten months for

Judge Richard Lowry. QC,

said that the boy had never

learnt self-control and had

appeared seven times in a

juvenile court for offences in-

cluding hurgiary and having

For the earlier offences,

which began in January

1990, the boy, of Wands-

worth, south-west London,

was sentenced to supervision

orders, community service

and a period at an attendance

centre. The rape took place in

May last year — the month that boy received a 40-hour

community service order for

burglary and 12 hours at an

attendance centre for at-

Judge Lowry said: "The

case draws attention to the

tempted burglary.

an offensive weapon.

locking up young offenders.

Law failed to tame

rape boy, judge says

voted to meet the £2,400 bill for the trip because of the long-term benefits it believes the visit will bring to the force. The two men will also study Pakistani policing.

Jim Darley and Alan Lynas both have homes in the work-ing class district of Middlesbrough where most of the town's 15,000 Pakistanis live. Both have studied Punjabi and can hold fluent con-They regularly attend pray-

fact that legislation currently

not only fetters the juvenile

court but sometimes prevents

the court from depriving a

child or young person of his

liberty. The case gives rise to

the reflection that if this

obliged to attend a special

school or similar institution,

he would not only be re-

strained but receive guidance

and have learnt self-control."

The court was told that the

rape victim, a virgin, was

wearing school uniform when

tricked into entering a bed-

room by the boy and forced to

have sex. Two other youths

who burst into the room dur-

ing the attack sniggered

when they saw what was

going on and were told to leave. Judge Lowry said: "It's

my view he was showing off."

claiming that the girl had

consented to sex, but was

found guilty last November,

when the case was adjourned

space and drawing the Earth, the Sun and the

Moon as they would see them: and making records of

the Moon over a month and of the path of the Sun on two

The boy had denied rape.

ers at the local mosque and run an Asian boys' club. Yesterday, Mohammed La-

tif, president of the Cleve-land Islamic Society, paid tribute to the dedication of the two constables. "I don't think you'll find officers like them anywhere else," he said. "They have been working in the community for a long time, are dedicated and trusted. I think the police and Asians in other areas of the country could learn

things from Cleveland."
PC Darley, aged 52 and the recipient of the Queen's Po-

lice Medal in the new year honours said: "At first, there definitely was wariness but I think we have broken through that now. I'm not a social worker, I'm still a copper and I don't let anyone get away with crime. What we try to do is ensure they know what the law is and keep people out of trouble before it happens."

# M1 air crash survivors sue plane makers

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

young man had been brought engine manufacturers of the British Midland jet which crashed on the MI three years ago are to be lodged with British courts next week. Compensation daims will be made on behalf of more than 60 of the 124 survivors and dependants of those who died in the crash, on January 8,

The move is designed to beat a three-year time limit. for filing proceedings and to protect the interests of the victims. No immediate action is likely, however, pending the outcome of legal moves to have the claims heard in the United States instead. Aidan Canavan, a Belfast

solicitor acting as spokesman for the steering group set up to co-ordinate the various legal actions, said yesterday: "We are still hopeful of being able to litigate in America. The problem is that it takes an awfully long time to dis-cover documents and go through other formal procedures. We were told by the United States court in Louisiana that they could not hear the case . . . and that it should be heard in Britain instead.

"Now that is under appeal and we have also filed against the engine manufacturers in Ohio and are awaiting that decision too. In the meantime, we have got to issue proceedings in Britain just to protect clients against the case falling through the stat-

The crash, which killed 47 people, followed the shutting down of the wrong engine. All survivors and relatives have since received at least £5,000 from British Midland. Dozens have received varying amounts of up to E60,000 depending on the extent of their injuries or their immediate needs. Geraldine McCool.

CLAIMS for alleged negli- a solicitor who will file the the English courts, said: "We have been extremely grateful for the co-operation we have received from British Mid-

Formal proceedings against the airline have been lodged under the Carriage by Air Act, which gives a maximum compensation payment of 100,000 special drawing rights, or the equivalent of about £75,000 per person. The airline agreed privately to make payments to victims before the case was brought to court

The maximum amount payable would be vastly increased, however, if a claim succeeded in the United States and if it could be shown that the engine or airframe manufacturers were

negligent.
The official accident report makes it plain that the crew shut down the right-hand engine believing that it was giving problems when it was the left one that was breaking up. After the report was published, Captain Kevin Hunt and his co-pilot. David McClelland, were sacked by British Midland, who said that they had acted "contrary to their training".

Other pilots and experts have, however, pointed to the smallness of the vibration indicators on the Boeing 737-400 which, it is claimed, could have misled the crew and, so contributed to the accident. They also suggest that the new General Electric engines in the jet had not been fully tested at height. A full legal battle to test

such claims would take years to go through all the levels in the American courts, but would still be preferred by the claimants to switching to

# Vicar case husband is charged

The husband of a woman who said she had an affair with a vicar after the death of her child has been charged wards has been charged with ssaulting the Rev Tom Tyler. the suspended vicar of Henfield, Sussex, on New

Year's eve, Lewes police said. Mr Edwards, aged 36. of Henfield, was bailed to appear at Steyning Court on February 3. Mr Tyler, aged 52, has

undergone two trials in a tionship with Mrs Barbara November 1990, he was found guilty of adultery with

He appealed, but at a second trial last September was found guilty of having an affair with Mrs Edwards after she turned to him for comfort when her baby died.

#### House prices fall by 1.2%

House prices fell by 1.2 per cent in December, wiping out the previous month's modest rise and setting the scene for a dull new year in the homes market, according to figures

published today.

Nationwide, Britain's second biggest building society, reported that the average price of a house fell by £705 to £56,626 last month and is now 2.2 per cent below the same period last year. John Hutchinson, Nationwide's retail operations manager. said that any long-term improvement of the housing market would depend largely on greater confidence in the

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#### **Heart success**

The first heart transplant operation in Scotland was carried out yesterday, 24 hours after the opening of the new £1.25, million heart and lung centre at Glasgow Royal Infirmary. The patient, aged 55. a former postman, has not been named but was said to be stable after the six-hour operation. The man, who had been given months to live, could be back home within a

## Cuts attacked

Health authority moves in cut school nurses' jobs have been condemned in a report by the Amalgamated School Nurses Association. More than 120 school nurses face losing their jobs as the South West Regional Health Authority prepares to abolish the service. and Camberwell in southeast London is about to reduce the number of school nurses by

# Sky shows limit of teachers' knowledge

BY DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

WHILE seven-year-olds lum introduced two years gaze out of the classroom window as part of lessons to plot the path of the sun as the Earth spins in its orbit. many of their teachers will be wondering precisely where they are.

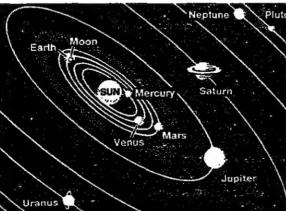
Four out of five teachers can not correctly place the Earth, the Sun and the Moon in the solar system, and only one in ten knows the distances of the Sun and the Moon from Earth, according to an Oxford University survey. Their pupils will be expected to know the answers as part of the compulsory national curriculum.

The research is part of a review of the extra training required for primary school teachers to enable them to teach the national curricuago for mathematics. English and science for children aged from five to eleven.

Children aged seven are expected to know that the Earth. Sun and Moon are spherical bodies, and that the appearance of the Moon and the altitude of the Sun change in a regular, predictable manner, and to be able to describe the apparent movement of the Sun.

Their teachers, however, are not best placed to help them. Few knew where the Moon is in the sky, or the path it takes around the Earth, according to the survey, to be presented to the annual meeting of the Association of Science Education in Sheffield today.

One researcher, Jenny



Manse, said: "We are not doing this research to knock teachers. There is a need to know what training they need if they are to be expect-ed to teach science. These mitted teachers, wanting to

get background knowledge and excited by the possibility of teaching science." Lessons for seven-yearolds include noting the pos-ition of the Sun through a

ent times and drawing pic-

days months apart. ☐ For our younger readers: the Moon orbits the Earth, and the Earth and the other planets orbit the Sun. The Sun is 92 million miles from Earth. the Moon 238,854 miles, and the orbit of Venus, the nearest planet, is 248 million miles from the

Earth's orbit.

BBC Radio 2 received several telephone calls from listeners after vesterday's Jimmy Young programme in which David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Headteachers. twice said that ten times 2 1/2

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# Pooled cancer studies reveal life-saving treatments

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR:

A NEW study of breast cancer has produced results that should save the lives of 10,000 women a year, inchiding 1,000 in Britain.

The study, carried out at Oxford and published today in The Lancet, pooled the results of 133 smaller studies throughout the world to create a statistically solid base for essing the effectiveness of hormone-blocking and cellkilling drugs in the years after breast cancer surgery.

According to Richard Peto. the study team's leader, the results are the best for the drug treatment of cancer that he has seen in 20 years of

Mr Peto, of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund's cancer studies unit at Oxford. said: "Every decade, millions of women are operated on for early breast cancer. Our study shows that if just one million are given the additional treatments, then there will be about an extra 100,000 women surviving ten years after diagnosis."

Breast cancer is one of the main killers, and the commonest single cause of death in women between 35 and 54 in Britain. Survival rates vary greatly according to the stage at which the disease is

diagnosed. The improvements in survival shown by the study, which covered 75,000 patients, are not in themselves dramatic. None offers a miracle cure, and many thousands of women will continue to die of breast cancer.

However, because so many suffer it — there are 25,000

# 'Children denied ear surgery'

By JEREMY LAURANCE HEALTH SERVICES

CHILDREN are being de nied treatment for "glue ear". which can cause ear infections and partial deafness, because doctors are failing to take account of the social consequences of the condion, according to the National Deaf Children's Society.

One in four children are affected, it says, suffering a build-up of fluid behind the ear drum, yet many GPs say that the children will grow out of it. Even those referred for surgery face waits of up to two years.

"It is true that as children get older they get better and the trend now is to do nothing." Robert Ashby, a society spokesman, said. "In medical terms that is valid. But, meanwhile, the child has not learnt to speak properly and literacy is very poor. There are social factors - it is not just a medical situation."

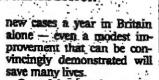
Dr Richard Smith, editor of the British Medical Journal, said that it was worth carrying out the operation on some children. "The problem is that it is overdone and there is a question of where you draw the line."

# GPs' views sought on 24hr cover

BRITAIN'S 36,000 general practitioners are to be asked whether they wish to continue providing a 24-hour service to their patients in one of the largest surveys of medical opinion undertaken Geremy Laurance writes).

At present GPs are responsible for their patients night and day but may subcontract the work to partners, other practices or deputising setvices. In a 19-page question-naire, the British Medical Association suggests that cover could be provided through privately organised rotas or by encouraging patients to attend the accident department of a hospital where a GP would always be available. Dr Ian Bogle, chairman of the association's GPs committee, said that there was a widespread feeling that the 24-hour commitment was outdated.

The questionnaire will also ask doctors whether patients should pay for treatment, what services GPs should provide and how standards should be maintained. The findings will be published in



One of the most interesting results, Mr Peto said, was that a form of treatment used in the 1950s, but since abandoned, had been vindicated.

Ovarian ablation — des

truction of the ovaries by surgery or irradiation — brings on an early menopause, cutting off the oestrogen that is thought to nourish the cancers. The treatment went out of fashion when small trials failed to show a clear benefit. Adding the results together has shown that of every 100 women given the treatment, ten more were alive ten years later than among an equivalent group that had no such treatment. After 13 years the benefit was even greater, with 13 more in every 100 alive.

The study also assessed benefits of the drug tamoxifen, which blocks the natural supply of oestrogen, and of cell-killing drugs, used to eliminate any cancer cells that may still be in the body after surgery. Tamoxifen, tak-en usually for no more than two years after surgery, produces an 8 per cent gain in survival after ten years. Cellkilling drugs alone produce a 5 per cent gain, and, when the two are used together, the gain is 12 per cent.

Michael Richards, a con-sultant at the ICRF breast cancer unit at Guy's Hospital, said that the study results had surprised the experts. In particular, it had found that the effects of even short-term drug treatments persisted for many years and were clearer after ten years than after five - the opposite of what most specialist had expected. The precise treatments offered would depend on the age of the patient, he said, but the trial had made possible much greater certainty and confidence in treating the

Richard Gray: a senior scientist at the Oxford unit, said that the figures showed that the improvement in survival after ten years was about twice as great as after five vears.

#### BT discount

People who dial up big bills on their home telephones were offered the chance of new discounts yesterday. Last September, BT introduced new standard call charges which automatically gave reductions on high call bills. Now it is launching Option 15 for residential customers which it says will offer bigger discounts for high diallers with quarterly calls bills of more than £62.16p. Under the scheme - part of a BT pricing policy announced last August - subscribers will pay a £3.40 fee per quarter.

SCOOP, train and be responsible is to be the mess-

age of this year's Cruft's dog show when it opens next

week. In an attempt to im-

prove a canine image tar-

nished by reports of savage attacks and by befouled

pavements, organisers of the dog world's most impor-tant competition intend to

spread the gospel of responsible dog ownership.
Poop-scoops are to be presented to owners of the

almost 20,000 entries when

they arrive on Thursday to

seek the silver trophy for the

dog decreed Best in Show. Bill Edmond, of the Kennel

Chub, said: "We expect them to use them," mindful of

this year's carpeted venue of the National Exhibition

Centre, Birmingham, and probably of the 1,000 tons of excrement Britain's dogs

The 80,000 visitors exp-

ected over four days are to

see demonstrations and stalls promoting responsi-

ble ownership, and 2 new event is to highlight the caring face of the dog world.

Dogs trained to assist the

blind, the deaf and the dis-

abled, and a canine unit set

up by the West Midlands

police to help child victims

of dog attacks to overcome

their fears, will be paraded

alongside personalities

such as Lottie the rottwei-

produce each day.







Gun siege: Ian Bennett (above left) whom police said was given three warnings before he was shot dead by a marksman at his Rastrick flat and (right) an armed officer at the scene

# Police burden of deadly choices

AS the use of firearms by criminals has increased over the past decade, police officers have found themselves forced on occasions to make plit-second decisions that left innocent or disturbed people dead and seriously dented public confidence.

Police say that even the most highly qualified firearms specialist would find it hard to differentiate between loaded weapon and a realstic replica when confronted by a suspect in the heat of a siege. Last August, police marksmen fatally wounded man who had been threatening them with what proved to an unloaded air pistol. Ian Gordon, aged 24, f Wellington, Shropshire. had a history of psychiatric

Subsequently, the Gordon family decided to sue West Mercia police for damages. alleging negligence and possible breaches of the firearms regulations. A witness to the killing said that, minutes before police opened fire, she had heard a voice saying: "It's a toy gun ... it won't

Last October, police shot dead a man armed with a starting pistol after a sevenhour siege. Derek Wallbanks, who had jumped bail on a firearms charge, ignored repeated calls to surrender. When he appeared on the doorstep of a bungalow at Brunswick village. near Newcastle, Wallbanks discharged his weapon twice before officers returned fire.

Wallbanks had a long and violent criminal record. A

In the aftermath of the Rastrick siege, Bill Frost reports on police reaction when faced with real or replica weapons

police spokesman said: "We gave him every chance to surrender, but he just started

In 1985. after two shootings by police in two months, strict guidelines were laid down for the occasions when they could use firearms. Officers are now selected for aptitude rather than enthusiasm. All recruits undergo intense psychological screening to ensure they can deal with stress. They are taught to avoid head shots and aim for the chest.

Twenty-six police officers have been killed on the British mainland over the pas ten years.

Late last year, two policemen were murdered in London. Both were stabbed after stopping suspects in separate incidents. Sir Peter mbert, commissioner of the Metropolitan police, said that the killings illustrated "with awful clarity" what society expected of the police.

Last month, a sergeant was seriously wounded in London after being shot in the hip when he tried to question two men whose car had been halted by a patrol.

Siege controversy, page 1 Police dilemma, page 10

# Homes hit by gales

ABERDEEN yesterday recorded its highest January low-lying valleys and causing

Police monitored rivers in

Cruft's to clean up

the canine image

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

A landslide blocked the A82 Inverness to Fort William road at Letterfinlay. Many buildings were damaged, and in Shetland at least 25 families were made homeless, many from a Lerwick caravan site where winds that at times reached 120mph blew over several caravans. Many homes in Shetland and the Western Isles had power

Also in the Western Isles. Archibald Macintosh, aged 53, of Balivanish, Benbecuia, died in a house that was destroyed by fire during high

# and floods BY KERRY GILL

temperature since records began, 14.7C (58.5F), according to Glasgow weather centre. While Scotland experienced generally mild temperatures, however, gales and heavy rain swept much of the country, flooding some low-lying valleys and causing videspread damage.

the Spey valley after they reached a critical level, and 999 calls in the Ardnam-urchan area, Highland, were put out of action when a gale buckled a radio aerial on the

ler, who was saved from an early life as bait for fighting dogs by the Rottweiler Wel-

Mike Stockman, chair-

man of the Kennel Club. said: "We have got to the stage where we have to re-dress the anti-dog bias which is creeping in." The

which is creeping in." The organisation, which has

been charged with running the show since soon after

the death 54 years ago of its

founder, Charles Cruft, is

launching a Good Citizen

scheme, through its local clubs, to promote training

One welfare society that will be absent from the

show is the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruel-

ty to Animals. A war of words between the show's

organisers and the society

flared two years ago and has

The dispute centred on

RSPCA posters showing a pile of dead dogs to high-light the plight of the

365,000 strays destroyed

each year. The Kennel Club

banned the poster, calling it

This year, for the first

time, the Polish Lowland

Sheepdog and the Japanese

Shiba Inu will among the

competitors, recognition of

their growing popularity among British pet-owners

not been forgotten.

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# Prince and pauper yield their secrets

By Lin Jenkins

DETAILS of the private lives Prince of Wales and Gladof all from prince to pauper a century ago became public yesterday when the 1891 census returns were opened for inspection for the first time. There was, however, no mention of the monarch, who was holidaying on the French riviera on the night that the snapshot of Victorian life was

Sandringham's return lists Albert Edward, the Prince of Wales, as aged 40, born at Buckingham Palace. Lon-don, head of his household and an employer. Above his name, which like everyone else in the country received a one line entry, is Emily Cock.



Prince Edward: listed as head of household

a widowed parlour maid living at the rectory on the estate. The entry lists 174 people on the Sandringham estate, including the prin-cesses Maud and Victoria. Margaret of Prussia. Lady Suffield, a visitor, Annic Poole, the coffee room maid. and numerous parlour maids, kitchen staff and es-

The year was punctuated by strikes on the railways, in the docks, on London buses and for the first time ever in the civil service when clerks in the Post Office savings bank rebelled against compulsory

The newspapers that year attributed a tenth London murder to Jack the Ripper. the Marquess of Salisbury's government easily defeated a vote on one man, one vote, and the Commons was fumigated with sulphur after the stone were among 150 people in the building to contract Russian flu.

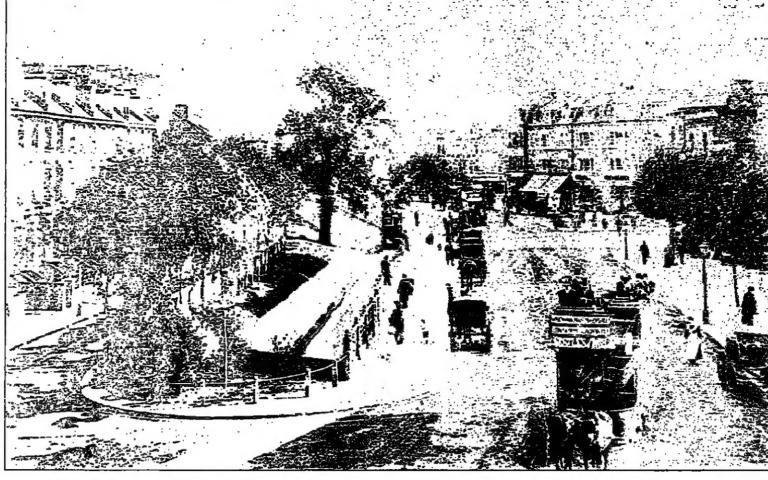
Staff at the Public Record Office traced the entry for Florence Nightingale, then aged 70 and living in South Street, central London, as head of the Nightingale Fund of the Training School for Nurses

Historians agree that many of the entries are inaccurate. either because of the illiteracy of those being questioned, or the lack of education among the enumerators. Some people wished to conceal ille-gitimate children, their ethnic origins and overcrowding in their homes. Others were loath to give correct details as they were defying the 1870 Education Act by not sending their children to school. Few people knew their real age and tended to calculate it in multiples of ten.

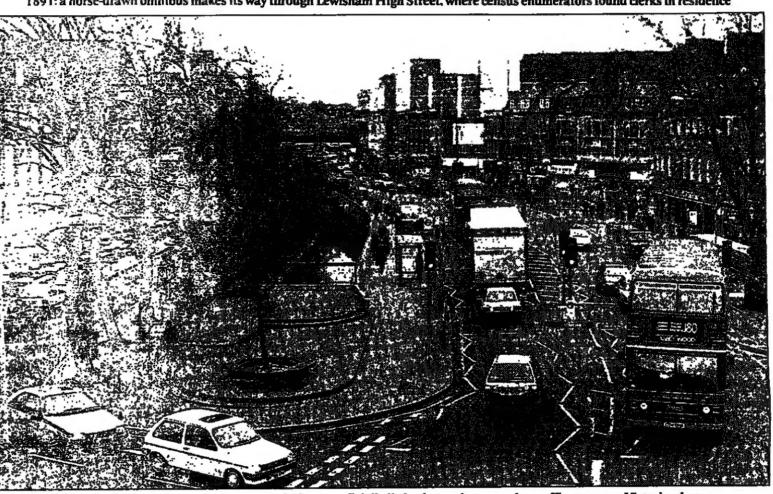
Lord James Douglas fell foul of the authorities for his facetious replies. He was summoned and reprimanded after describing his wife as a "cross sweeper and lunatic" and his son and heir as a 'shoe black" born in "darkest Africa". Others fared less well and were fined.

While the questions on the form were limited to address, name, marital status, relationship to the head of the household, age, employment status, place of birth, occupa-tion and whether deal, blind or insane, the reasons for asking them were limited. The results were to be useful for social planning, but questions about occupations were asked merely for public health purposes since it was believed that illness came from poisoned blood resulting from the materials a person worked with.

The Times, in an editorial on April 3, 1891, two days before the date of the census, complained that in the instructions relating to the category of employment "the case of nearly every employment is provided except one. Evidentthe Registrar General considers that literature and journalism are not even callings, let alone professions."



1891: a horse-drawn omnibus makes its way through Lewisham High Street, where census enumerators found clerks in residence



Yesterday: a double-decker bus crawls through the superficially little-changed street, where offices occupy Victorian houses

# Clerks' homes are offices a century on

WHERE clerks once lived in southeast London, they now work. A hundred years ago. when census-takers knocked on doors in the terrace of eight houses by the church in Lewisham High Street, they were greeted by civil servants. draper's cierks, ship's stewards, a physician and a florist. And their families. And a few servants. They collected names, ages, occupations, and tallies of who was deaf or blind, and who was an imbecile or an idiot.

Present tenants of the row of stuccoed houses - a firm of chartered surveyors, a firm of accountants, a housing trust. and still a couple of private owners — are not so keen when asked their ages, let alone if they are imbeciles or are harbouring lunatics.

In 1891, the house hard by Stephen's Church wa No 21. Alfred Goodes, a to bacco manufacturer, aged 49, was head of household. He lived with his wife, Kate. 46, and daughter, Ada, 24. Below stairs, lived Alice Hardy, a servant.

At No 19, Frank Barnett, a 28-year-old physician, and his wife, Hannah, had three children. Their servant.

Matilda Baulf, was 16. Today, No 31, the renumbered house nearest the church, is occupied by Stocker & Roberts, chartered surveyors. The two senior partners, equivalent to head of household, are John Gurney and Paul Davis, fiftysome thing and fortysomething, re-spectively. Where born? No idea, says Ethel Cornell, an accountant. Are Gurney and Davis lunatics? "We might think so, but I don't think

they would."
At Nos 25 and 27 are
Wagstaff, Rowland and Huntley, accountants, Regi-nald Rowland is the senior partner, married, and 60. Is he an imbecile? "I don't think so," says a receptionist.

At No 23, Diane Patterson, welcomes you to the Beaver Housing Society, which finds homes for the homeless. The director, Barry Spraules, is 40 and married. Any idiots? Most definitely all of us."

Nos 21 and 19 house the only private dwellers left. They were out, perhaps working in what was someone's

# Guide in Yiddish highlights influx of immigrants

INSTRUCTIONS for filling in the census return were printed in Yiddish for the first time to take account of nrst time to take account of the influx of immigrants es-caping persecution in Poland and Russia.

The absence of passports and immigration controls al-

lowed a great movement of people through England. people through England, many of whom were bound for the ships leaving Liverpool for the United States. Out of the population of 29.002,525, 198,113 were foreigners. Half of them lived in London, with a further 15.000 or so in Surrey Kent 15.000 or so in Surrey, Kent. Middlesex and Essex, Middlesex and Essex, 25,109 in Lancashire and 15,755 in Yorkshire. The mining areas of the North-East had a further 14,908, most of whom worked as merchants and transporters. In London, 23 people out of every 1,000 were classed as foreign, and their principal. foreign, and their principal professions were sailors or merchants, with a high pro-portion of Russians and Poles among the 14,735 for-eign tailors and 2,596 for-eign cabinetmakers.

The census records

68,814 as Europeans, but the figure was probably much higher, with people having adopted English names and giving fictitious birth places for fear of being traced. Edward Higgs, a census historian, said that it was common for femiliar security. common for foreign govern-ments to request information from the Foreign Office about immigrants and, although they were routinely refused, it did not ease the fears of those who wished to remain anonymous.

New questions added for the first time covered employment status, overcrowding and, in Wales, a question about Welsh speaking. How-ever, a large number of people opted to tick each box in the employed, employer or other section, and there were vast numbers of children under one who spoke only

Evidence of a mobile population is provided by figures showing a huge growth in suburban areas, with Willesden, northwest London, in-creasing 122 per cent in ten

The census shows that London was a staging post for thousands of European refugees

fleeing to America.

Lin Jenkins writes years, Essex by 51 per cent and Birmingham by 18.9 per cent, compared with the national population increase of 11.7 per cent. Mr Higgs said: "The movement of people in the decade before the census is one of its most remarkable features. It was all done without state pres-sure or help, but we also see a steady growth of suburbs. with people commuting to work on public transport with a fare system tailored to class. The working man travelled early when fares were cheaper, the clerks a little later when it was more expensive and then the heads of firms who could sweep in later having paid the higher

price."
The proportion of blind people fell from one in 979 in 185! to one in 1.236 and the deaf to one in 1,008 males. The proportion listed as lunatics, imbeciles or idiots was one in 298.

However, the information on the register is so limited that it is of use only to social historians studying a limited geographical area, or those seeking their family history.

Yesterday, Mavis Hillier, of Sidcup, southwest London, was one of the first in the queue, wanting to see the census return of her grandfather John Mills, a coachman. "There is a person my mother used to speak of, who I think was illegitimate, but I am most disappointed to find she is not listed here. she said. "I will keep looking until I find a record of her."

Joyce Martin, of Wembley, northwest London, said: "The whole thing is fascinat-ing and I have found one or two skeletons. I had thought people behaved better in those days, but in fact they were often worse, perhaps because they didn't have



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# Super-fast train shunted into sidings

VISIONS of a high speed rail network from Scandinavia to the Iberian peninsula are unlikely to materialise without a radical overhaul of the structure and outlook of Europe's national rail organisations.

High speed rail technology. together with increased air and road congestion, have presented the railways with an unprecedented opportunity to expand beyond national boundaries, but there are fears that, with their managerial culture rooted in the 19th century, they lack the entre-prencurial flair needed to ex-

In January 1989, the Community of European Railways, an organisation made up of the 12 national rail companies of the European Community plus Austria and Switzerland, announced plans for a transcontinental high speed network, linking. Europe's chief towns and cities by 2015. The plan envisages the construction or upgrading of about 20,000 es of line, which would be capable of providing passeners with 200mph services.

In a second report on European transport. Michael Dynes looks at the frustrated dreams of a high speed rail network

Planners presented the proposals as a means of reversing the ailing fortunes of Europe's railways by enabling them to compete with air and road transport, while at the same time providing a catalyst for economic and regional integration during the 21st

However, the entire nerwork is expected to cost somewhere in the region of £100 billion and, apart from the embryonic high speed service between London, Paris and Brussels, there has been little indication that Europe's railways are prepared to embark, on the kind of cross-frontier co-operation needed to make the network a reality.

Hitherto, Europe's national rail organisations have been little more than state. controlled bureaucracies, burdened with decades of ac-



Nowhere fast: the Eurocrats' vision links Copenhagen to Lisbon, but France's high speed trains, left, cannot run on German tracks

no incentive to operate on a commercial basis or market their products through crossfrontier joint ventures.

Although a few national rail organisations have crossed the threshold into the high speed era, they have rarely extended beyond state borders. The French Train à Grande Vitesse and the German inter-city express, for exFrench trains cannot run on German tracks because the power supply is different, while the German trains cannot run on French tracks because they are too heavy.

Attempts by the European Commission to overcome the parochial outlook of the national rail organisations were given a boost in July with the passage of directives designed to promote the development

of continent-wide passenger and freight services. From January 1993, the monopoly power of national rail organisations to provide services on their domestic networks will be replaced with a right of access for international joint ventures. As a result, for example. British Rail and Deut-

sche Bundesbahn will be able

to offer services between

Manchester and Munich.

with an automatic right of transit through France.

in addition, private sector companies will also be given the right to offer combined road-rail services in which the long haul is by rail and the final leg by road. However, according to a

recent report by the Economist Intelligence Unit, any serious erosion of national monopolies is likely to be fiercely resisted by the domestic rail organisations. The report also concludes that high speed lines are likely to prove commercially viable only

EUROPEAN HIGH

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**PROPOSALS** 

Lines upgraded (up to 200km/h)

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where they link cities such as London, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam and Cologne. The development of high speed lines in less populated areas "remains little more than an empty vision in practical terms", it says.

Children start crime at age four

Copenhagen: Danish children as young as four have criminal records although they are well under the legal age for prosecution, according to a criminologist's study published yesterday.

Police registered two fouryear-olds for vandalism and shoplifting in 1988. Det fri Aktuelt newspaper said. Ir. 1989, two five-year-olds were registered for vandalism, two for arson and one for

Jumbo swap

Delhi: An Indian elephan: has set off on a transcontinental voyage to relieve the loneliness of a compatriot in a Honolulu 200. The Vandaloor zoo received two giraffes in exchange (AFP)

Safer roads

Sydney: Australia's road accident toll has dropped to its lowest level in 40 years with 2,119 killed in 1991, 210 fewer than in 1990, according to provisional official

**Budding profit** 

Amsterdam: Exports of Dutch flowers and potplants rose 9.5 per cent to a record value of six billion guilders (£1.9 billion) last year, the flower growers' association

# Nostalgia hits the highway that tamed a wilderness

AMERICANS and Canadians in the far north are gearing up for a season of nostalgia to mark the 50th anniversary of the building of the Alaska highway. More than 100 special events are planned along the 1,500-mile road which transformed an isolated frontier land of myths and mystery into an

adventure-travel playground.
Military historians have questioned the strategic need for ramming a road through a wilderness, all of it in daunting territory and most of it unexplored even by native hunters. But the build-ing of the Alaska highway in just eight months in 1942 ranks among the great engi-neering feats of the 20th

More than 10,000 soldiers from seven regiments of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, living in tents, worked between March and November in temperatures that reached record lows. Fifty years later, military and civilian veterans of the sec-ond world war will return to brations, according to the Yukon Anniversaries

Commission They will be joined by an assortment of thrill-seekers in vintage vehicles and aircraft, mule trains, horsedrawn wagons, dog sleds, snowmobiles, float planes and motor cycles, Ken Spots-wood, a commission spokes-

man, said. Mr Spotswood said that it was fear of a Japanese inva-sion after Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 that drove the United States and Canadian governments to build the highway. The only direct land route from the lower US states to Alaska, it was to connect a chain of airfields stretching from the American prairies to Fairbanks.
Alaska. The hardships suffered by the original highway crews were legendary. Moss bogs swallowed buildozers, floods ripped out bridges and soldiers froze to death. For some northern residents, it some northern residents, it was the best of times. Edie

in the United States, ac-

cording to a vote by readers

of Parade magazine. Nor-

man Schwarzkopf, the Gulf

war hero, was second on the

list, followed by William F

Buckley, the columnist, Bill

Moyers, the television news-

man, President Bush and

Ralph Nader, the consum-

Stan Davies, the local bob-

by who achieved renown

when he arrested two gang

members from the 1963

great train robbery. has

died aged 72 at his home in

Haile Selassie's palace in Ethiopia's autonomous

province of Eritrea has be-

come a museum, the Voice

of Entrea radio reported.

The late Ethiopian emper-

or's palace will be preserved

with all its assets, it said.

er advocate.

Bournemouth.

Thomas, aged 81, a former highway camp waitress, said: "Look at all the automobiles we have up here. When I came here, [in 1935] there was only two." She recalled fondly the weekly dances with American troops. "I think it was the best thing

that ever happened." For others, it was the worst of times. Scores of Indians died from diseases introduced by the construction workers. In the winter of 1942-43, the native village of Teslin suffered eight successive epidemics of diseases. ranging from mumps to men-ingitis, Ken Coates, history or at the University o ictoria, said. Dozens died Half of the native children in

three of the US army regiments also suffered terribly, mainly because they were from the south and had never experienced a hard winter,

The United States officially turned over operation and maintenance of the road to the Canadian military in 1946. The road was only opened to public travel in 1948 and even then it was rough, unreliable and subject to frequent closures," Mr Coates said.

Reconstruction started in the mid-1960s. The road now is paved along virtually all its length. Stickers declaring "I survived the Alaska highway", which were once com-

# New words ram-raid linguistic showcase

BY ALISON ROBERTS

POLITICAL correctness, date rape, ram-raiding and stock-lending are among the new terms from 1991 which have been gathered by the compilers of the Oxford English Dictionary.

The Gulf war helped to

Americanise the language last year. According to the Queen's English Society, this year it may be further Europeanised

John Simpson, co-editor of the OED, said: "Changes from the US were in the area of pronunciation as well as word use. During the Gulf war, British broadcasters started off by pronouncing the first syllable of Kuwait kew. The Americans on CNN pronounced it 'Koo-wait', which is nearer the Arab pronunciation. At the end of the war we were using the American pronunciation.

"The Gulf war caused a small explosion in our use of the English language, the ef-

Richard Nixon has pro-

duced another book. Seize

the moment: 'America's

challenge in a one super-

power world will be released

officially on Monday. it sug-

gests courses for peace and

prosperity in the aftermath of the Cold War.

Charlotte Hughes, at 114

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Sagan is voted

cleverest person

Carl Sagan, the astronomer, is the eleverest person

that area under the age of five died in that one year." mon, are now collectors'

America.

dying away now." Recognition of the term "stock-lending", the short-term loan of stock between accounts, is part of the fall-out from the Maxwell saga. Date rape and acquaintance rape were further imports from

fects of which are gradually

This year is likely to be an interesting one for the lan-guage as it is exposed more and more to the Brussels babel. Godfrey Talbot, president of the Queen's English Society, said: "As we become more used to hearing other European languages and increasingly have to work with the European Community, we may adopt small, useful words from other European languages. Certainly there will be increasing victories of the litre over the gallon in common usage. I am all for the inclusion in our mother tongue of words that break down barriers."

# Chinese girls sold to brothels

PROSTITUTION rings in Southeast Asia and Taiwan are buying hundreds of Chinese girls, some as young as 15, from border areas and forcing them to work in brothels, an official Chinese newspaper reported yester-

Most of the girls were ab-

ducted from Simao prefec-

ture in China's southwestern

Yunnan province. The slavery

countries, the newspaper

said: (AFP)

trade was moving inland debelieved to be the second spite action against it, the oldest person in the world, Yunnan Legal News reported. has left her cottage in Foreign prostitution rings, Marske, Cleveland, where working in collusion with she has lived for 70 years Chinese gangs, first lured the girls to Burma with promises that they would be provided Ian Botham, the cricket star, was forced to hire a with jobs, introduced to a private plane to get back to his pantomime after he was husband or taken on a tour. From Burma, they were transported to Thailand. prevented from boarding where they were sold to brothhis flight from Alderney to els in Bangkok, and in Ma-Eastleigh airport. laysia. Taiwan and other Botham arrived five min-

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# Yeltsin applies shock therapy to revive Mother Russia



Khrushchev: tried to tinker with the system

tion may be too late for Russia. The transport sector is already damaged: the railways are about to grind to a halt; the country is without shortages of food and

For seven decades, the Soviet economy was subjected to deadweight central planning which was at best clum-sy and numbskulled, at worst brutal and murderous in its execution. Now the Russians have come full circle: a rich country made poor by its

Before the first world war Russia was a poor agricultural country with small pockets of modern industry. According to the economist Aleksei Izyumov, it none the less had a real chance of breaking into the modern world. Russian farmers supplied one-third of the world grain market and ing those of some big Europe-

Russia rejoins the brave old world of capitalism with the dead weight of 74 years of Bolshevik mismanagement. Roger Boyes assesses its chances

dose of capitalism produced

an countries. But within two days of the 1917 October revolution the Bolsheviks had confiscated the big estates and nationalised the banks. When civil war broke out in the summer of 1918 armed workers seized grain from the peasants to feed the cities and the army, big factories were nationalised and work discipline was enforced with very harsh measures. This "war communism" allowed the Red Army to win the civil war but it destroyed the economy. The Kronstadt rebellion in

March 1921 persuaded Lenin to change economic course if only to gain a breathing space" for the revolution. The New Economic Policy (NEP) permitted some private markets and trading and, above all, gave more

ered from the shocks of the been able to devise a way of boosting food production within the constraints of the collective system. Forced freedom to farmers. Banks, nied the savage destruction of farming communities. Nikita Khrushchev tried to heavy industry, transport, foreign trade and planning diust the economic machine were, however, firmly under state control. This limited after Stalin's death. Collective

farmers were given higher

some astonishingly quick repayments, factories were given greater freedom and some serious industrial and sciensults but it also created many social frictions between the new rich and thei mpoverished workers. These tific research was begun. Food production jumped. real income was higher in the tensions gave Stalin his chance to swing the pendu-1950s than at any time since lum back. In April 1928 the 1929. But soon enough Khrushchev was swallowed up by the madness of the Communist party gave birth to its first five-year plan, and its first big purge. By November of that year, the collectivsystem. The Soviet Union was required to overtake America. isation of agriculture was Since this was impossible, announced and in December more and more lies were fed the NEP was buried. into the planning machine.

Forced collectivisation Aleksei Kosygin, prime caused terrible misery, killing minister under Leonid Brezhmillions directly and more nev. was convinced by the through starvation. Soviet logic of the reforming econo-

point of his 1964-1965 reforms was to introduce the profit motive in Soviet factories without fundamentally changing the structure of the economy. Plan targets were drafted according to the number of goods sold rather than produced and some of the factory revenue could be retained by the managers to pay bonuses to workers. The

reforms were doomed to fail. Since prices were centrally fixed, the term "profit" had little meaning. The only real effect of these reforms was to boost worker earnings. Since state shops could not offer enough goods to satisfy these inflated earnings, the black market boomed. One of Kosygin's advisers,

Abel Aganbegyan, later emerged as a key figure in the

KEY DATES IN SOMET ECONOMIC HISTORY Krushchev attempts reforms, crash building progra

tlin plan proposes a 500-day shock therapy shift to

Gorbachev reforms. But Professor Aganbegyan and the Novosibirsk reform group, which emerged after 1983, erred on the side of caution. For many years Professor Aganbegyan, and Mr Gorb-achev under his influence. inisted that there could be no free labour market in the Soviet Union. The intellectual find a "third way", a form of reform socialism, squandered many years and many opportunities. As late as October 1990; when Stanislay Shatalin proposed a 500-day big bang route to the market. President Gorbachev still baulked at the idea of mass unemployment and the closing down of unprofitable

Now, in the view of many Polish economists who have been pushing through a radical market programme of their own for two years, it may be too late for mere shock therapy. Shock surgery is clear who holds the scalpel.

# **Price rises** fail to cause **Moscow riots**

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

YESTERDAY'S price rises did not after all provoke street riots. But they did cause discontent in grim surburban settlements such as Lyubertsy, the sort of place where they pump iron in basements after work, or instead of work. use chains to tie down speculators who renege on deals and then send pieces of their ears to relatives through the

The former KGB found it a happy recruiting ground for mindless toughs — where a few bottles of vodka went a long way. Yesterday, however. Lyubertsy was quiet. Its factories were mostly closed. The combined shortage of raw materials, spare parts and zeal for work has closed much of Moscow's industry until after the Russian Christmas on January 7. People seemed still to be sleeping off

The shops, such as they are. were open, but looked closed. Few people had ventured into the driving snow, still fewer bothered to look inside the shops. Four and even tenfold rises in price do not mean much in Lyubertsy because ten times nothing is still nothing.

A large food store on the main street offered two sorts of sausage at 72 (E9 at last November's official tourist rate) and 108 roubles a kilo, a little less or more than the average weekly wage. "Wouldn't it be wonderful to be able to buy a whole kilo," lamented an elderly man, walking with a stick. But that possibility - even with his newly increased pension of 280 roubles a month - was

There was one sort of plain biscuit and dozens of squashed-looking cakes with icing at 20 roubles each, almost twice as expensive as they used to be. Nobody was buying. A large, but orderly queue lined up for lemons — at eight roubles a kilo they than at the peasants' markets - and battered mandarin oranges at 17 roubles. There was no meat, although some was expected, and macaroni was on sale, but only for ration coupons.

Large packets of oats, not rationed, attracted no interest. A bakerery had one sort of rye bread and a large notice saying "loaf — 1.56 roubles; half a loaf 78 kopecks; quarter - 39 kopecks", four times as expensive as before. There was a stream of customers. but no queue. Lyubertsy had not seen the panic-buying of bread on New Year's eve that was seen in central Moscow. They had dried their rusks in anticipation of the hard win-

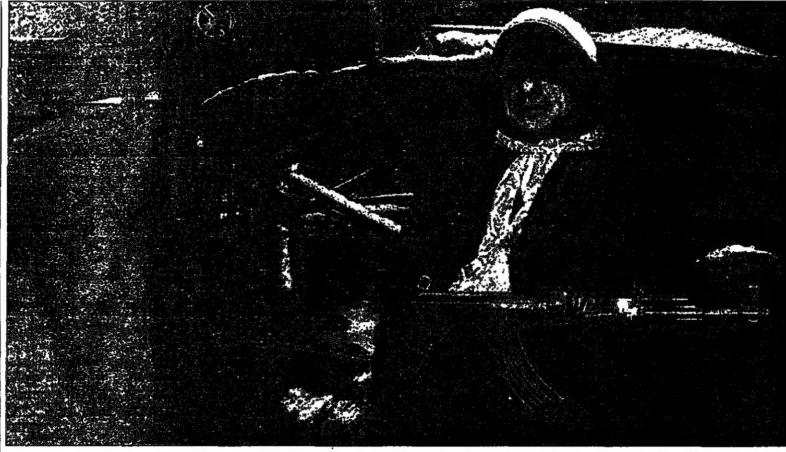
ter months ago. The milk shop was open, and selling milk — but only milk. No yoghurt, no cheese, and no bottles. The sickly smell of fresh milk penetrated the tiny premises, where people lined up with their pails. The portly assistant wrapped in fur hat, quilted jacket and felt boots - ladled the milk out of churns into whatever vessel they had brought. The handwritten notice said 1.30 roubles, three times what it had been two days before, but tolerable. There was milk in the shop in Lyubertsy, which was more than can be said for central Moscow.

Central Moscow, too, was quiet yesterday. A few shops were able to offer their customers something to make their journey and the new prices worthwhile. At Yeliseyev's, once the "top people's store", there was feta cheese at nine roubles a kilo.

Sweets were on sale, without the need to present sugar ration coupons in return, for the first time in a year. Pensioners shook their heads at the prices, though the queue stretched the length of the shop. Even alcohol had made a celebrity reappearance on the shelves of state shops, with vodka at 28 roubles for half a litre, dry wine (not seen for several years) at 40 roubles and Russian champagne for 120 roubles.

Shoppers mostly took the new prices with resignation, and for Muscovites the real changes were few. Meat, frozen chickens, smoked salami and caviar had long been available only at "negotiated" or "commercial" prices. Only the hope of catching some thing at the state-subsidised price had gone.

Price free-for-all, page !



On patrol: a gunman loyal to President Gamsakhurdia of Georgia outside the parliament in Tbilisi, besieged for 11 days

# Georgia rebels appoint new leadership

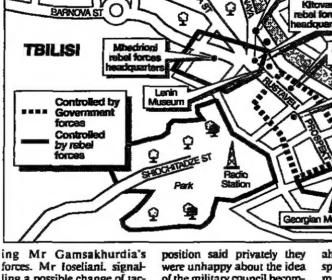
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ROM BRUCE CLARA IN TBILLSI

THE chiefs of the ill-assorted coalition of forces confronting the Georgian government said last night it had removed President Gamsakhurdia from power and appointed a new provisional leadership to exercise power. The military council, headed by leaders of the forces opposed to the republican president, also declared a state of emergency. But Mr Gamsakhurdia and his supporters remained under siege in the parliament, which, like other former republican Supreme Soviet buildings, was de-signed as a nuclear bunker. Georgian television report-

ed that a curiew from 11pm until 6am would come into effect in Tbilisi last night The report said the "interim government" would be headed by Tengiz Sigua, the former prime minister. Tbilisi would be under the command of Georgia Kharkavashvili, the leader of the White Eagles, one of the rebel groups lighting the govemment forces. The military council is headed by Jaba loseliani, leader of the Mhedrioni militia, and Tengiz Kitovani, leader of the

national guard troops fight-



ling a possible change of tactic, said it was no longer important whether or not the building in which the Georgian president is holed up would be stormed militarily. 'That question has no significance - perhaps we will make the building into a prison." said the guerrilla leader, who was himself sprung from jail a few days ago.

of the military council becoming the provisional government. But they might have no choice but to recognise their ally Mr Sigua as Georgia's premier. Much of Tbilisi is already under rebel control.

Earlier Gia Chanturia. one of the most prominent figures in the political opposition, said that the Georgian parliament should be given full powers to run the country ahead of fresh elections. Despite the inclusion of the two main strands in the military coalition opposed to the no means certain that the newly created council of war would aven the danger of internecine fighting among

the president is removed. The new body does not include the guerrilla groups which have rallied to the rebel coalition most recently, and

the anti-government forces if

hose loyalties are thought to be uncertain. The statement by Mr Ioseliani that might no longer be necessary to seize parliament may be a sign that such an operation would be impossible without massive loss of life.

Reporters who managed to get through to the embattled parliament where the president is sheltering in the reinforced basement were met a Gamsakhurdia aide who said defiantly: "We must sweep these swine away. We will not talk with bandits, plunderers and criminals."

"In two days we will finish them," added a guard sitting nearby with a Kalashnikov rifle resting on his knees. Young men, many little more than teenagers, lounge on makeshift beds or patrol darkened corridors. Guards pointed with pride to huge gashes in the marble walls inflicted by heavy machine guns and rebel rocket fire.

The opposition meanwhile was revelling in its control of the television airwaves, from which the Georgian leader had virtually banned them when he was fully in control. The republic's viewers were presented for the first time with the rebels' case for the ouster of the controversial na-

# Soviet army bows out

peginning of the end of the 4 million-strong Soviet army as a single fighting force. Unless or change of plan, most units in Ukraine are to be redesignated Ukrainian troops, leaving only the republic's nuclear weapons under central control (Mary Dejevsky

The transfer will apply to all former Soviet troops on Ukrainian territory, including sailors with the Black Sea Fleet. They will be transferred to the command of Leonid Kravchuk, the Ukrainian president, and the Ukrainian defence ministry. The only troops remaining under central command - answering to Marshal Yevgeni Shaposhnikov, the commonwealth gic nuclear forces deployed in

the republic.

A spokesman for the Ukrai-nian defence ministry said a list of units to be defined as "strategic nuclear forces" will be compiled by a working group that will arrive in Kiev today. "The composition of this force will be minimal and will be proportionally reduced as the nuclear weapons on Ukrainian territory are

# Summit sought

London: Britain is trying to arrange a summit of United Nations Security Council leaders to discuss world issues and the council's priorities with Dr Boutros Boutros Ghali, the new UN secretary-

#### Foreign berths

Moscow: Russia has opened the strategic Siberian port of Vladivostok to foreign ships for the first time in more than 30 years, Radio Moscow reported, saying that a Viet-namese ship had docked there. (AFP)

#### Markov claim

Sofia: General Stoyan Savov, a former Bulgarian deputy minister, and General Vlado Todorov, a former spymaster. are to be charged with murdering Georgy Markov, the writer, in London in 1978, a newspaper claims. (AFP)

#### Amnesty award Stockholm: Amnesty Inter-

national has been awarded the 1991 Olof Palme prize by a Swedish committee in recognition of the organisation's "patient and devoted work to stand up for human rights in the world". (AP)

#### Prince held

Copenhagen: Crown Prince detained by police here after a woman he was out with was arrested on charges of drunk driving and not having a driver's licence, newspapers reported. (AFP)

#### Drugs warning Warsaw: Poland, where drug

possession is not illegal, is becoming a leading producer of illicit amphetamines, accounting for 14 per cent of the world market, police say, with an estimated 500 clan-destine laboratories. (AFP)

#### Nuns' prayers Calcutta: Nuns and residents at the headquarters here of

the Missionaries of Charity said day-long prayers for the recovery of Mother Teresa in California from bacterial complaint. (Reuter)

# Germany opens Stasi files

FROM REUTER IN BERLIN

FORMER East German dissidents finally got to see files which were compiled by the Stasi, the defunct communist security police. The first people to gain access to their Stasi files under a law which came into force on January 1 sheer volume of material.

Gerd Poppe, a civil rights Ulrike, had been shown 50 volumes of up to 300 typed pages each detailing the close watch kept on them. "The whole scale is almost unimaginable, even for people who knew how intensively they were being spied on." Mr Poppe told a news conference at the Berlin headquarters of the government agency responsible for the files.

"We found letters which we never received. They are now in the files. Photos, transcripts of tapped telephone tion of microphones and bugs



German dissident, finds out who spied on him

lights in the dissident movement which helped force the communists from power in 1989. Vera Wollenberger. who was expelled from former East Germany in 1988 shaken after several hours

." The Poppes were leading and is now a member of partiament in Bonn, learned recently from a dossier leaked to a newspaper that her husband had been a Stasi informer. Looking pale and

reading her files, she declined to answer questions about her husband. "I had already learned the worst beforehand, the worst surprise was behind me," she said. "These files are a quite dangerous mixture of fiction and truth. Everybody who wants to look in the files must be aware that nasty surprises might be wait-

The new law allows individuals to see their own files, but limits access by police, intelligence agencies and journalists. People will not be allowed to remove files, but will be able to have copies made of documents.

An intelligence service and secret police rolled into one, the Stasi amassed files covering 125 miles of shelves. The information, often deeply personal, was collected by 85,000 full-time agents and hundreds of thousands of informers.

More than 3,000 application forms for information were issued in Berlin alone

# Vance begins talks on UN force with military leaders

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE

CYRUS Vance, the United Nations special envoy to Yu-goslavia, began crucial talks in Sarajevo yesterday after-noon with senior Yugoslav and Croat military men after securing the agreement from their political masters on the deployment of a 10,000strong UN peacekeeping force for Croatia. "The situation is radically changed since I came," said Mr Vance before leaving for the capital

of Bosnia-Herzegovina. Mr Vance met Alija Izetbegovic, the president of Bosnia-Herzegovina, who announced that a "cessation of hostilities" in Croatia had been called for noon today. He also said that they had discussed the sending of UN monitors to Bosnia-Herzegovina where tension is high between the republic's Muslims. Croats and Serbs and has been threatening to explode. Despite the political agreement. Mr Vance has insisted that he will not recommend the sending of a peacekeeping force until a effect. Yesterday sporadic clashes were reported to be continuing and Croatian radio reported that Yugoslav air force jets had bombed the town of Daruvar, 60 miles east of Zagreb in the early hours of the morning. The breakthrough came,

according to sources close to Mr Vance, after Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader. and General Veljko Kadijevic, the federal defence minister, assured him that the recalcitrant local leadership in Serbian areas of Croatia had been brought into line and would not oppose UN troops. Previously the leaders of what they have now proclaimed the Serbian Re-

clared that UN troops would be regarded as "occupiers" and physically resisted. There was no official reaction from Krajina leaders yes-

terday and even if they have given their consent to a UN force there can be no guarantee that parts of their militias. or Belgrade-based extreme nationalists, will stop fighting. There is also no guaran-tee that Croatian uitra-nationalist groups can be coerced into laying down their arms until the third of their republic now outside Zagreb's control is retaken.

If Croat and Serbian leaders succeed in stopping the fighting, then the UN plan envisages the dispatch of 10.000 troops and 500 policemen to three areas of

# Marchers attack Islamic victory

BY PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

TENS of thousands of people converged on Algiers from all parts of the country yesterday for a rally to protest against the victory of Islamic fundamentalist candidates after the first round of voting in the Algerian general election last

Police estimates put the fig-ure at 153,000 as the marchers — led by Hocinie Ait Ahmed, one of Algeria's foremost opposition leaders wound their way through the city. Many were women, who stand to lose the freedoms they gained during and after the war of independence from France of an Islamic state is declared. Under the banner of "the national salvation committee", secular opposition parties, trade unions and a variety of other organisations were marching to de-mand action against "the enemies of democracy". Sec-urity forces were said to have been placed on high alert amid rumours that the Alge-rian army was poised to intervene to prevent the fundamentalists coming to

The Islamic Salvation Front, the fundamentalist grouping, captured 188 par-tiamentary seats in the first round of Algeria's first truly multi-party elections on Boxing day and could well win an olute majority in the second round on January 16.

However, fresh elections for many of the seats won by the fundamentalists may have to be held because of complaints of ballot-rigging and other irregularities in 140 constitu-encies. Some observers in Algiers reported yesterday that President Chadli Benjedid was coming under mounting

enemies

conspire

headquarters has emphasised the implications for Algeria of allowing the front to form a government or even to estab-

lish a fundamentalist foothold in a government. There is a growing conviction that the Algerian mili-

tary, despite being separated from the government and "returned to barracks" under the 1989 constitution, would refuse to accept a fundamentalist victory. The disclosure that Morocco and Tunisia have now closed their borders with Algeria ahead of the second round of voting in two weeks' time has heightened fears of an Islamic thrust for power and shows the unease felt by the governments of both countries that their own banned Islamic organisations could take heart from the Algerian election results and cause them serious trouble.

The front is deeply hostile to the armed forces after the killing by soldiers of hundreds of its followers in riots in 1988 and the severe repression it suffered last June when it demonstrated against the electoral voting system. Several people were killed as the army restored order and Abassi Madani and Ali Belhadj, its two leaders, were arrested and are still held in army prisons. Elections due to be held that month were

postponed until December. Said Saadi, one of the leaders of the secular opposition parties, has given a warning that an Islamic victory in the second round will bury Algeria and condemn us to chaos". His call for a general strike has been backed by the

Saddam's Settlers gain in

caused by last-minute lobby-

ing for additional funding by

religious parties, Yitzhak

Shamir, the prime minister,

has once again held his frag-

ile government together and avoided the need for early

elections. However, the price

of domestic harmony with his

coalition partners could cost

the Israeli government dear

in international affairs. In

particular, the government's

decision to approve huge

funds for housing, roads and

general infrastructure for

Jewish settlers in the occupied

territories will do little to help

the Middle East peace talks

when they resume next week

Although no exact figure is

available for the settlement

funding in the West Bank

and Gaza Strip, home to

110,000 Jews and 1.7 mil-

lion Palestinians, political

sources said that state money

has been set aside in the

budgets of nearly every im-

portant ministry and depart-

ment to help expand Jewish

communities in the areas

where Palestinians want to

Out of the £20 billion bud-

in Washington.

create a state.

Israeli budget

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

round of voting. A stream of which appears to enjoy signif-visitors to President Chadle's icant support from the ruling National Liberation Front which presided over a oneparty state for 30 years.

The ostensible aim of yesterday's rally in Algiers was to block the path of all totalitarian forces and reject the fun-

The military has given de-tails of violent incidents that allegedly occurred in the runup to the first round of voting on Boxing day, including an attack on security forces by Islamic fundamentalist groups, Several people are reported to have been killed. Ferocious reprisals are re-

ported to have been taken against Islamic "commandos" involved in such attacks. While the Islamic front has urged Algerians not yield to provocation, there is hope in liberation front circles that the next round of voting could swing the final result against the islamic front. As many as 5 million voters — more than 40 per cent of the electorate abstained in the first round, and a heavy turnout from liberation front and other secular opposition party supporters in the second round could still swing the final

Under the constitution, President Chadli is on record as promising that no military dictatorship will be imposed upon Algeria. Most observers believe that even with a victory by the islamic front, the president will retain control of defence and foreign policy no matter who wins and forms a government. On the other hand, he could impose a state of siege to prevent the fundamentalists from com-

costing a total of more than

£200 million, have been ear-

marked for the occupied terri-

tories, not including special

funding for the purchase of

Palestinian property in Arab

Although the funding is no

surprise in a government

which refuses to relinquish

any occupied territory, it is

Shamir: paying high price

for domestic harmony

likely to cause Israel serious

problems in Washington lat-

er this month when Congress

is due to consider an Israeli

request for \$10 billion (£5.3

The current budget has al-

ready included the £500 mil-

lion for this year, even though

congressional approval has

not been assured, and Presi-

dent Bush has shown that he

opposes helping Israel's econ-

omy while it subsidises the

settlement drive, regarded by the White House as the big-

gest obstacle to peace in the

billion) for loan guarantees.

east Jerusalem.



Old friends: President Bush and Bob Hawke, former Australian prime minister, embracing yesterday

# Bush fosters links

FROM ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY

PRESIDENT Bush pledged yesterday that the United States would not close the door to trade with Asia-Pacific countries despite a confrontation expected in Tokyo next week over continuing Japanese trade restrictions.

Before leaving Australia today for the most contentious part of his Asia-Pacific tour, Mr Bush was invited to make the first address by any foreign leader to a joint sitting of Australia's federal parliament. He assured members that American defence commitments to the region would be maintained despite the

Bush's four-day visit has been dogged by the issue of American farm subsidies, which have cost Australian farmers traditional export markets. As expected, however, Mr Bush would not give ground to demands by Paul Keating, the prime minister, and

angry farmers that he abolish the subsidies. John Hewson, the opposition leader and a great sup-porter of the United States said that Mr Bush's stand had turned some Australians against America. "People for

the first time are starting to question the value of the alliance [with the US]." he said. The presidential entourage of three Boeing 747s leaves Australia today for a threeday visit to Singapore before flying to Japan and South

Korea. Asked yesterday about possible retaliation against Japanese trade restrictions, Mr Bush answered testily: "I cannot go into hypotheticals. We haven't gotten to Japan

• Canberra: President Bush yesterday dismissed the Oliver Stone film, JFK, which implicates the US military and the CIA in the assassination of President Kennedy in 1963. He said that he had seen no evidence of a conspiracy. (Reuter)

'hell of year' in politics FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE holiday season is over. a panacea for its economic

President braces for

The 1992 presidential cam-paign now begins in earnest. The portents are not promising. No candidate except In Australia this week, Presipossibly Paul Tsongas, the dent Bush gave thanks for his strong family. "Keep it strong, Lord," he said, "beformer Massachusens senator who portrays himelf as an "economic Paul Revere". cause we're going into a hell appears willing to face of a year. It's politics from now on, and it isn't very squarely such unpalateable truths about America's economic decline as the crip-Just a few months ago the pling national debt and lack election promised to be one of of investment. Most rush to

the dullest on record. Mr Bush's return to the White House almost a formality. Not any longer. It is now seen as one that could change America's course. The Cold War is over. The economy has turned more sour than any-one foresaw. Mr Bush's popularity has halved. Perhaps the single most fundamental issue will be the extent to which the world's only superpower heeds the siren call of isola-

palliatives like middle-class tax cuts. Even Mr Bush is succumbing to naked political expediency. In Australia he refused to abandon protectionist trade

espouse popular short-term

policies that help American farmers, arguing that "nobody's pure". But in Tokyo next week he will call for the dismantling of Japan's trade barriers and suggest that they, not America's lack of

# India poison drink toll climbs to 98

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN BOMBAY

THE death toll in a New Year's eve liquor tragedy neared 100 yesterday as doctors in Bombay fought to save nearly three dozen people still in hospital with severe alcohol poisoning after drinking a brew sold by a government-

licensed bar. The official toll from Tuesday night's revelries in the western Indian port city rose by 14 to 98. But police said they believed that the actual toll was much higher, as many deaths at home may have gone unreported by relatives reluctant to get involved

in criminal investigations. Doctors said 33 of the 45 people still in hospital were on the critical list after drinking liquor served by the Chaya bar on Forget Street, central Bombay, or buying bottles to

drink at home. Thirteen were

admitted yesterday with muscle spasms, stomach cramps and impaired vision which doctors attribute to methyl alcohol poisoning. Methyl alcohol was apparently mixed with the liquor to give it a greater intoxicating effect. A bottle cost 18 rupees (about 50 pence) and a glass just two

rupees.
The bar was closed down by police who seized its stocks. The supplier of the alcohol was arrested on Wednesday. after the arrest of the bar owner, the manager and two employees. Forensic experts were analysing samples of the

In November, about 200 people died and dozens were blinded in Delhi after drinking a cheap alcohol-based tonic to celebrate a Hindu

competitiveness, are the real cause of his country's \$41 billion (£21.9 billion) trade deficit with Japan.

Unusually, it is the Republicans who define the parame-ters of the debate. Despite his public backsliding, Mr Bush remains at heart a champion of free trade and American world leadership. He wants cautious post-Cold War military retrenchment and level economic playing fields. By contrast Par Buchanan, his demagogic Republican challenger, demands a militant new American economic nationalism, the repatriation of all American troops stationed abroad and an end to all foreign aid. Between these two poles stand six Democratic candidates, half of whom have adopted "Ameri-

ca first" platforms. The battle looks like being one of the shortest on record. Democrat entered the race until mid-September. The season begins with the lowa caucus in 39 days. In just 37 frantic days 28 states will choose more than half the delegates who select the nominees. The Iowa caucus should be a walkover for Torn Harkin, who is the state's senator, making the February 18 New Hampshire primary more critical than ever. Because the Democrats are so little known and short of funds, this primary alone

Mr Buchanan is expected to do well enough to embarrass, but not defeat Mr Bush in New Hampshire, a state suffering as badly from the recession as any in the country. The White House is rapidly diverting federal grants to New Hampshire and plans to have half the cabinet, as well as Mr Bush and Dan Quayle, the Vice-President, camping there for the next month. Mr Bush will use his

State of the Union speech

later this month to unveil

plans for an economic recov-

ery package.

could make or break them.

# Kenyan forms new party

Nairobi: A Kenyan politician who resigned from President Moi's cabinet last week has announced the formation of an opposition party, the Ken-

yan media reported. The Daily Nation news-paper yesterday quoted Mwai Kibaki, the former health minister, as saying that his Democratic party would work with any opposition party to defeat the ruling Kenya African National Union (Kanu). "Our new party is committed to working with all democratic forces to remove the present Kanu government," he said.

A number of political leaders have announced plans to form opposition parties since parliament voted for a multiparty system last month. The irst multiparty elections since 1966 are expected to be held this year.

Mr Kibaki has denied allegations by the Forum for the Restoration of Democracy. the main opposition party. that he was trying to divide electoral support to form a coalition government with Mr Moi. "There is absolutely no deal and no connection between us and the government of Kanu or President Moi," he said. (Reuter)

Changing rule Lagos: Elected state gover-nors took over from military officers at the start of a crucial period of power-sharing in Africa's most populous counpromised to return to civilian rule by next year. (Reuter)

Grave matter



Cairo: One of the finest statues ever discovered in the Pyramids area, this small limestone figure of an over-seer who lived 4,400 years ago was found in a cemetery for the foremen and craftsmen who built the monuments for the pharaohs. (AP)

#### Talks on pact New York: Salvadorean gov-

ernment and rebel represen-

tatives will meet in New York

tions on unresolved details of the peace pact they signed on New Year's eve, diplomatic sources said. (AFP) Blasts theory Johannesburg: Right-wing extremists are suspected of

causing explosions which wrecked two South African post offices and partly demol-ished a school which is due to admit black pupils for the first time on Monday. Ramos to run Manila: The former Philip-

eral Fidel Ramos, aged 63. who saved President Aquino from six coup attempts, said he is running in the May election and launched a People Power party.

## Paris: More than 100 jour-

nalists are in prison around the world, a quarter of them in China, according to figures published by Reporters sans Frontières, a French organisation. At least 65 were killed. most in Yugoslavia. (Reuter)

#### Smoke alarm Nicosia: A legislative impasse

has blocked an anti-smoking bill in Iran. The Iranian news agency, Irna, said that the Guardian Council vetoed the bill because it did not envisage substitute sources of revenue for the tax lost. (Reuter)

# get, two-thirds of all the 7,500 new hoosing units; Lean times in meat trade drive gauchos to pastures new

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN BUENOS AIRES

his troop of gauchos worked hard, herding more than 60,000 head of cattle into Argentina's biggest auction market in Buenos Aires in a week. As the breeds, including Aberdeen Angus bulls and pure-bred short horn heiffers, arrived in trucks from the provinces to the capital, gauchos on the piebaid horses drove them into dozens of rings.

However, Argentinians
are quick to dispel their well-

JUAN Carlos Maranon and

known gaucho image of the Latin cowboy riding through the pampas as belonging to the past. Increasingly so, as the country's cattle breeding and meat production industry is in decline. The modern day gaucho, who often swaps his horse for a truck to drive to markets and his baggy jodhpurs for a pair of jeans, is no longer tied to a and almost all traditional

Juan Maranon, aged 66,

Therefore cattle breeding is becoming less profitable

ped to more cost effective cereal production. Argentinians are the world's biggest



meat eaters but their 33 million population is not a big enough market and the meat industry relies heavily on exports. "We have suffered

"Now we are forced to compete with Europe for the

ing around everywhere exists abroad. But today these are figures relegated to history books and poetry," said Señor Alzaga. San Antonio d'Areco is a

small traditional gaucho town a hundred miles from Buenos Aires, on which novelist Ricardo Guiraldes based his most widely read gaucho story. Don Segundo Sombra. There a small tightknit community still clings

square for supplies. "We have bought our own small patches of land and cattle and manage to make just enough to feed our famexplained one. The town, with its 30,000 inhabitants, has been a gaucho capital since 1958. Every year they hold their

rodeo festival in the square, a chance to show off outfits and parade their skills at horsemanship and lassoing cartle. Graciela Palotto, a local historian, said: "This year over 600 gauchos came and held a huge barbecue with gaucho music and

dancing."
The first gauchos, she said, were descended from Spanish colonisers and Indian women they found living in the Pampas. In San Antonio d'Areco there are also

Smartly clad and booted names such as O'Connells and Lennons, of Irish origin, who took to gaucho life roaming the Pampas. Juan Tyrrel's Irish ances-

tors were gauchos for more than a century. He no longer works with cattle but says he maintains their way of life in every other way. He works as a silversmith producing gaucho knives and belts studded with silver coins destined for export.

Antonio's young is to invest in a Japanese car rather

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU THE Israeli parliament was IN NICOSIA poised yesterday to approve hundreds of millions of POWERFUL car bomb pounds in state funds for Jewish settlements in the occupied territories after the coalition government passed this year's controversial budget. After a two-day delay

blast in a smart suburb of Baghdad on Monday has fuelled rumours sweeping Iraq of bloody infighting among President Saddam Hussein's family, coup plots, and immi-Saddam's enemies say a.

armed forces and United Nations sanctions are also weakening his grip on power. Large parts of northern Iraq have been out of his control for months, in the hands of Kurdish rebels who are planning their own free elections.

Security forces have clamped down in all key cities, and in recent weeks Saddam has invited opposition figures several times to try their luck in a coup, joking that they are not up to seizing

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power. "This is just nervous laughter," said Saad Jabr, leader of the Free Iraq

opposition figures - includ-ing Kurds, Shias, Sunnis, and disaffected Baathists gathering in Damascus today to plan a joint strategy to to plan a joint strategy to topple Saddam. They hope to exploit what they believe is a conjunction of stars that bodes ill for the Iraqi leader. We are ready for a co-

Mr Jabr is one of several

ordinated uprising across the country, but we don't want a revolt until we are certain the Iraqi army is with us. Then we'll strike," said Dr Haidar Abbas of the al-Dawa party, the Shia opposition group. But some analysts believe

the opposition groups do not pose a viable threat because they are too fragmented, too dependent on other countries like Iran. Saudi Arabia and Syria, and have not won vital Western backing. The Kurd-ish rebel leadership is divided down the middle, and there are reports that differences between Islamic groups backed by Iran and secular groups supported by Syria have derailed plans for a fullblown opposition conference in the near future. "Saddam is weak, but the opposition is weaker," said an Iraqi academic who lives abroad.

 Baghdad: A Kurdish dele gation sent to the Iraqi capital to discuss the government's blockade of the north appears to be making progress and has delayed its departure, a United Nations source said. Baghdad imposed the blockade two months ago, choking food and fuel supplies and freezing salaries in an attempt to pressurise the Kurds into accepting an autonomy agreement Aid officials say the blockade has eased. (Reuter)

landowner but is an hourty paid worker belonging to a trade union, is finding it hardgoing in a shrinking job

who has worked on a ranch in the north all his life and is one of the few traditional gauchos left, said: "We are slowly dying out and few of our sons are willing to follow our footsteps. It was a way of life carried on through in the family. Only a handful of us can still lead a gaucho life. The rest just dress up in the traditional clothes and pose

for tourists in restaurants." There has been a 20 per cent drop in meat exports over the past year, according to Argentina's leading cattlebreeder and landowner, Carlos Gomez Alzaga.

Aires province have swap-

badly from the subsidies for

our biggest market," said Señor Alzaga.

market in Africa and the Middle East." Only farms unsuitable for crops in the northern provinces of Salta and Chaco have had to stick with cattle. "The image of our gau-

chos, with their lassos, rid-

gauchos ride into the main

"Many local gauchos have become artisans, working with leather, rope and silver to preserve their traditions," said Señora Palotto. But they, too, will have to struggle hard against the fall in the meat market, which has traditionally given the gaucho his living, and the increasing trend among San pines defence secretary. Gen-

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**GALLERIES: LONDON** 

# **Fearless** poacher is captured by her prey

Richard Cork enjoys the rewarding results of Paula Rego's appointment as Associate Artist at the National Gallery

hen Paula Rego be-came the first Natciate Artist in 1990. ner initial reaction centred on a daunting sense of fear. After all, the concentrated excellence of the collection could easily become intimidating rather than inspirational. Room after room of outthe acme of their abilities, might well make the contemporary painter suffer a chronic anack of

Rego. however, is mature enough to maintain her own identity in the midst of the fiercest competition. From the fastness of her studio in the basement, she learned how to carry out darting yet judiciously directed raids on the pictures assembled upstairs.

Like a poacher selecting a few prime animals from a richly stocked estate. Rego picked out the images which captivated her and bore them back to her lair. There they lay fallow, before infiltrating with a steadily accumulated power the canvases that she produced

during her period in residence. At first, the effect on Rego's work was minimal. As the National Gallery's touring exhibition, Paula Rego: Tales from the National Gallery demonstrates, the last painting she completed before her associate year is remarkably similar in style and intention to the first canvas exe-

cuted at Trafalgar Square. They are. in fact, a pair. The earlier of the two shows an adolescent bullfighter being pre-pared for his first contest by an attentive godmother. In a preliminary drawing, he looks smaller and younger than the woman adjusting his costume. But by the time Rego finished the painting, she had brought about a

Now almost the same height, in a tense, erotic manner. He seems older now, and she has shed at least a decade. While her hands rest on his jacket with lingering appreciation, her skirt curves out

typically unsettling shift in their

to touch his body at groin level. But the sexual charge travelling between them is countered by the knowledge that he is about to depart, and the builfighter makes no attempt to touch her in return. Nor does he seem aware of the venomously grinning girl seated nearby, preparing his blood-red cape on her lap. She is Death's goddaughter, and the triumph in her maniacal eyes suggests that his

downfall in the corrida is assured. The companion picture, slightly larger and even more arresting. possesses the same ambiguous mood. Half excited and half doom-ridden, it likewise presents an initiation ritual. This time, characters who inhabit The Bullfighter's Godmother give way to the exuberance of a billowing, blue

satin ballgown Filling much of the space in Rego's stage-set interior, this fullblown garment has a life of its own. Like the girl's dress animating the foreground of Jan Steen's The Effects of Intemperance, which Rego copied in a sprightly ink-wash drawing, the flamboyant gown threatens to make the rest of

the picture seem dowdy and insig-A dressmaker in sober attire kneels beside it to tack a hem. She may also be acknowledging her subservience to the dress's splendour, and the mother on the other

side is literally dwarfed by her daughter's engulfing presence. Unlike the preliminary studies. where the two figures are the same height, the painting reduces the mother to a curiously diminutive

state. She stares sideways. doubt-

less at a mirror we

cannot see. But her towering daughter 'The full looks upwards, as if the gown's maginspirational nificence has al-ready filled her force of the aspirations far headier than European the mother's stunted social horizons. tradition Once the background of this osguides the tensibly festive picpainter's brush' ill-founded as the

the dressmaker's daughter lies inert in an armchair, her legs splayed like a paraplegic's limbs. The antithesis of the girl fantasising about her first ball, this forlorn and resigned creature introduces the idea of the female as victim. And in the shadows of the carved screen behind, a struggle is enacted between a mother and a diabolic figure who wants to steal her child.

The conflicting expectations of innocence and experience are locked together here, in a Blake-





like opposition. They make the gown itself take on a more doleful aspect, so that the fabric's folds and dips come to resemble ridges and valleys in a glacial landscape. Frozen as well as resplendent, this arctic yet beguiling garment sums up the ambivalence of the painting

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So far. Rego's debt to the National Gallery's holdings is far from overt. Her interest in Steen's

> dress has not been nate the ballgown, and the carved screen no more than hints at its origin, which was in Mantegna's Samson and Deli-lah. Subsequently, however, Rego allowed her growing involvement with the collection to play a more domipictures that she painted. The canvases which com-

manded her attention are suddenly allowed to invade a claustrophobic composition called Time - Past and Present. Although the startingpoint was her white-haired friend Keith, sitting in a room surrounded by memories, multiple quotations from Renaissance images crowd into the cluttered space around him.

A general debt to Antonello da Messina's jewel-like painting of Saint Jerome in his study informs the canvas, helping to explain why

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Keith occupies an interior fes-tooned with carefully displayed objects. The oppression they induce is offset by an open door in the distance, offering the view of an expansive sky beyond. The light-filled emptiness could

hardly be further removed from the darkened accumulation within, just as the old man finds himself juxtaposed with a girl beat over a drawing. His passivity is quietly opposed to her fierce energy, and the white sheet she is about to fill with line offers relief from the heavy, elaborate paintings after Memlinc, Zurbaran and Honthorst hanging on the walls.

Although he smiles at the model

sailing-ship and toy hippo on a cupboard, the framed picture above them depicts a nun sacrificing a young sailor to a voracious girl from the seas. The legend, invented by Rego herself, provides a reminder of Saint Jerome's maritime career. But its macabre implications introduce an air of menace, confirmed in full measure by the image of Saint Sebastian skewered by arrows over the door. Suffering and death are chal-

lenged most dramatically by the baby girl emerging from a blan-ket. A painted angel hovers overhead, apparently protecting her. The infant looks apprehensive, however, and the most positive figure in this picture remains the fledgling artist with her sketchpad. Several years on, she could well be the main figure in Joseph's Dream, the latest of the paintings Rego is exhibiting here. The title is adapted from

Phillipe de Champaigne's The

Vision of Saint Joseph, a bravura 17th-century work where the bearded carpenter is visited by an unusually well-built angel cannonading through the air with unstoppable vigour. Attracted by the solidity of the figure, Rego trans-ferred it to the unfinished canvas painted by the young woman in

ere, the angel seems to be directing a message at the artist. work in a formidably zealous pose. Joseph has been replaced by an elderly man, who poses in a chair behind the canvas. He is asleep. and his male submissiveness is once again contrasted with the resolute energy of the female painter.

Champaigne's stimulus persuaded Rego to move away from the disappointingly overloaded stasis in Time - Past and Present. The emphasis now is on purposeful dynamism, and the artist's exhilaration runs through the bulk of a body brimming over the edge of a slender stool.

She does not seem to care that its legs might collapse under her weight. What matters is the urgency of the task in hand, and the angel ensures that the full inspirational force of the European tradition guides the painter's brush with every decisive stroke she makes.

 Paula Rego: Tales from the National Gallery, sponsored by English Estates. continues at the National Gallery (071-939 3321), Trafalgar Square.

## CHITICS:CHOICE

TATSUO MIYAJIMA: Miyajima is the man who discovered a compelling artistic use for elec-tronic digital counters and wowed an international audience with his amazing installation of them, winking in the dark, at the 1988 Venice Biennale. For this, his first made something magical and mysterious, with a pulsing life of its own, out of one of the most commonplace products of modern

technology.

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WIENER WERKSTÄTTE - LUCY MACKENZIE. Between 1903 and 1928 the Wiener Werkstätte was one of the most remarkable associations of artist/craftsmen and industrial designers. In their textiles, furniture and household objects they broke down many of objects they broke down many of the accepted barriers between fine and applied art. Lucy Macken-zie's miniature still-life, flower-pieces and occasional landscapes pieces and occasional landscapes are exquisitely wrought, and intensified rather than neutralised by their diminutive proportions. Fischer Fine Art, 30 King Street, SW1 (071-839 3942). Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, Sat, 10am-1pm, From Monday until January 24. CONTEMPORARY TAPESTRY: Not all of the three artists in the

show make tapestry in any tra-ditional sense, but they are all concerned with hangings that fulfil the function of tapestry. Linda Green's works are in fact paper structures which often hang free, permeated by light. Marta permeated by

Rogoyska goes in for woven patterns of splashy abstraction, similar to what many contem-Baxter is more traditional, working mainly in landscape inspired by her native Scotland. All three use old ways to produce new effects. New Academy Gallery, 34 Wind-mill Street, London W1 (071-323 4700). Mon-Fri. 10am-5pm (Thurs until 8pm), Sat, 11am-5pm, until

DRIAN ARTISTS: The Drian Gallery is in its own way an institution, preserving the Fifties and their approaches to what was modern art, intact into the Nineties. Under its director, painter Halin Nelecz, it has continued faithful to free-form abstraction and semiabstracted figuration. This is the 35th annual New Year show of gallery artists, and it is remarkable how many seniors are still here, and still true to their original

ideals. Drian Gallery, 7 Porchester Place, London W2 (071-723 9473). Mon-Fri, 11am-4pm, until January 30. LAURENCE WHISTLER: Not only the senior glass engraver in this country, but also almost singlehanded engineer of the revival of point engraving in Britain, Laurence Whistier turns 80, an occasion splendidly commemo-rated by this retrospective ex-hibition. The evolution of Whistler's style in goblets, in-fluenced by his prother Rex, is

vividly illustrated. Sotheby's, 34-35 New Bond Street, W1 (071-408 5168). Mon-Fri, 9am-4.30pm, until January 24.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

burg through other routes.
The statues, superbly displayed in the Palazzo Ruspoli, are among Canova's

finest works. Today some viewers might find his sculp-ture excessively refined, pol-



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# **GALLERIES: ROME** International figures

group of masterpieces from the Hermitage burg, not seen outside Rus-sia for the last 200 years, is now on view in Rome. Exhibited at the Palazza Ruspoli until February 29 are 11 sculptures by Antonio Ca-nova and the Farsetti collection of 16th and 17th century terracottas which inspired Canova as an adoles-cent. The Besso Foundation. main organiser of the exhibition, makes it clear that some type of deal was struck with the Soviets, now ex-Soviets, but refuses to reveal the financial details.

The 60 terracottas on show were originally part of the vast collection of the abbot Filippo Farsetti (1703-1774), a Venetian nobleman who, in addition to collecting a wide range of art objects, purchased from the heirs or pupils of famous loth and 17th century artists the preliminary studies and models for full-sized sculptures.

In particular he collected the work of baroque masters Gian Lorenzo Bernini and Alessandro Algardi. The Palazzo Farsetti on the Grand Canal was regularly visited by artists and patrons, and while in his teens Canova was taken under Farsett's wing and made to study the

After Filippo's death the collection. classified in 18 sections that also included paintings by Giorgione. Titian, Tintoretto, Dürer, Rem-brandt and Rubens, became the property first of his cousin and then his nephew. In various stages they sold

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rectly commissioned by Prince Nicolai Yusupov, a diplomat noted for his taste and for his enthusiasm in collecting works of art. A few found their way to St Peters-Paul Bompard on

the return from Russia to Rome of 11 sculptures by Antonio Canova

off the collection, and a great deal of it found its way to St Petersburg. Filippo's ne-phew. Anton Francesco Farsetti, actually moved to Russia where the Tsar gave him a life annuity.

The 11 Canovas are part of the Hermitage Museum's collection of 16 statues by this artist. They were taken to Russia at the end of the 18th or the beginning of the 19th century.

Some were bought by Tsar
Alexander L some were di-

ished and formally static. Yet contemporary emperors, kings and princes were pre-pared to wait for years for the privilege of obtaining Canova's services. As the works on show in Rome convinc ingly demonstrate, Canova's long career — from his first commission in 1776 until his death in 1822 — represents a vital contribution to the development of neoclassicism.

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Kate Muir meets Richard Ingrams, too old to edit Private Eye, too young to die, and discovers that the solution to the mid-life crisis is a magazine called The Oldie

a wrinkly. It is, however, him, or her, to be fussy. camapdous and a touch eccentric Reaching oldie status is more a question of attitude than age. Some become oldies at 35. Others cling undignified, to the shreds of their youth, through thinoplasty, liposiction and the purchasing of

To avoid such an ignoble end, Richard Ingrams officially took on the oldie mantle this year, aged when he and a mumber of similarly-inclined gents germinated the idea of a magazine dedicated to their increasingly narrow. the triangular road sign with silliouettes of elderly people cross-ing will be launched at the inning of February.

Like Private Eye, Mr Ingrams's previous organ which he left in 1985. The Oldie will have a mission Where the Eye specialised in vituperative and wanton attacks on the establishment and any passing authority figure. The Oldie will attempt to turn back the growing cult of youth worship. With conforting columns such as the "Stil With Us" profile of famous ddies generally thought to be dead, the magazine will be the literary equivalent, for many, of spotted dick and custard

The magazine is the solution to Mr Ingrams's mid-life crisis. It fills the imbo between being too old to elit Private Eye, and too young p die, and allows Mr. ngrams to adopt a mock headmatterly tone:

There is a media concept of the oung, the sort of thing promoted by Jane Street Porter and adver-tising nen at The Telegraph, which gives the impression that they are interested in pop music, drugs, sex, money making and reading Viz comic."

He loked sadly into his empty coffee cip for effect. "All that is not my experience. There's a great condescrision to young people, coupled with the cultural isolation

He ealised when the singer Freddi Mercury died of Aids amid nuch publicity, that there, were two sorts of people - those who knew who Mr Mercusy was and these who did not. The Oldie will previde succour for the blissfully imorant and recreate the clubby schoolboyish harmour of

Mr Ingrams still peppers his conversation with the rathers and "errificallys" of the junior dorm and refers to his best friends by their surnames. By moving directly from caricaturing himself as the naughty schoolboy of Pricifcurrented adulthood: ...

"I think it is partly true that oldieslike me tend to be a lot more Take myself and Histop. [Private Too programmes. Apparently it

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According to Nicholas Barker, the producer and director of BBC television's Signs of The Times, which

comprehensively surveys British taste simple style

decisions car produce bitter

divisions between partners. His programmes show, for example, Helen, whose architect husband Henry will

not allow her to put any curtains int their modern

home and cannot stand the

"anarchy" ceated by their children. So she sneaks in

Lloyd Loom chairs, antique plant standi and the child-

ren, when he is not looking.

And Sue, who insists on changing her fiance Gary's red mug tre for a plain pine

out" at her from his beige and brown litchen.

Mr Barke's own battle on the home front is over

whether to over an ottoman

in something chintry or leave it plain, ashe prefers. "Like

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Mr Barier's five-part se-

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He found that most people make ther choices as the

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n oldie is not grey. Nei- Eye editor, Ian] Hislop is a much ther is he a crumbly nor more responsible person than I am or ever was. He's much more hard-working, conscientious and

> The youth of today, mosns Mr Ingrams, spend too much time with their heads down behind their computers, when they should be hanging out swapping ideas, as he does in clubs like The

> Today he is sitting at a table in the darkest corner supping his third cappucino. Such are the trials of the tee totaller, which Mr Ingrams became many years ago when he discovered he preferred a bottle to a glass of wine at lunch. Among the sharp suits of The Groucho he sticks out like an escaped don in his corduroys

Among the sharp suits of The Groucho he sticks out like an escaped don in his corduroys and cashmere sweater which is riddled with either bullet or moth holes

riddled with either bullet or moth

His mild, gloomy air conceals a deadpan humour and a delight in provoking trouble. Does he expect nterviews with oldies to be a rich vein? They will be conducted by one of the magazine's financiers. publisher Naim Auallah

One of the things about oldies they are very ourspoken. They don't give a bugger any more about what they say or who they offend. So if you're Lord Denning or Sir Alec Douglas-Home or whatever, you don't worry any more about insulting Mrs Thatcher — not like some others who are still in the game.

on one generation is that the new organ might easily appeal to Saga holidaymakers indulging in se-quence dancing and rubbers of

How would Mr Ingrains feet confronted by a request to advertise disposable incontinence knickers or those electric chairs which slide the victim along the bannisters? "I hope that doesn't happen. oldies as readers. I actually think young people are quite interested in this stuff. I'm sure they would rather talk about Captain Scott than watch those ridiculous Deaf

not to know."

Like many good public relations men, it is hard to move Mr Ingrams off his chosen subject. He will talk about the project for hours how he wanted Barbara Cartland to be his sexual harassment correspondent and so on — but questions about himself are

shifted or parried. 'His various reunions and separations from his wife Mary, who runs a bookshoop near their home in Berkshire, are taboo. He prefers to make jokes about his personal life as a cover, the best being the time he convinced Nigel Demp-ster, the gossip columnist with the Daily Mail; that he was stepping out with Pamela Bordes.

For someone who has spent most of his life raking through other people's dirty laundry, such reticence and embarrassment is

He does admit he is going a bit soft in his old age. "You get more tolerant. It was one of the reasons I had to give up Private Eye."

He noticed it recently when he and Mr Hislop were on The News Quiz. "I felt sorry when the DPP [Allan Green] and the incident with the prostitute was brought up with the prostitute was brought up again. I said in a semi-joking way that I thought the poor old boy had suffered enough, and Hislop thought that was ridiculous. At his age, I was exactly like that."

Mr Ingrams take a delight in his growing foibles. "You get fussy about things like pens," he says, as he produces a huge draughtsman's object. "This is an art pen, but I'm not quite satisfied with it. I'm fanny about spoons, too. They have to be the right shape," he says

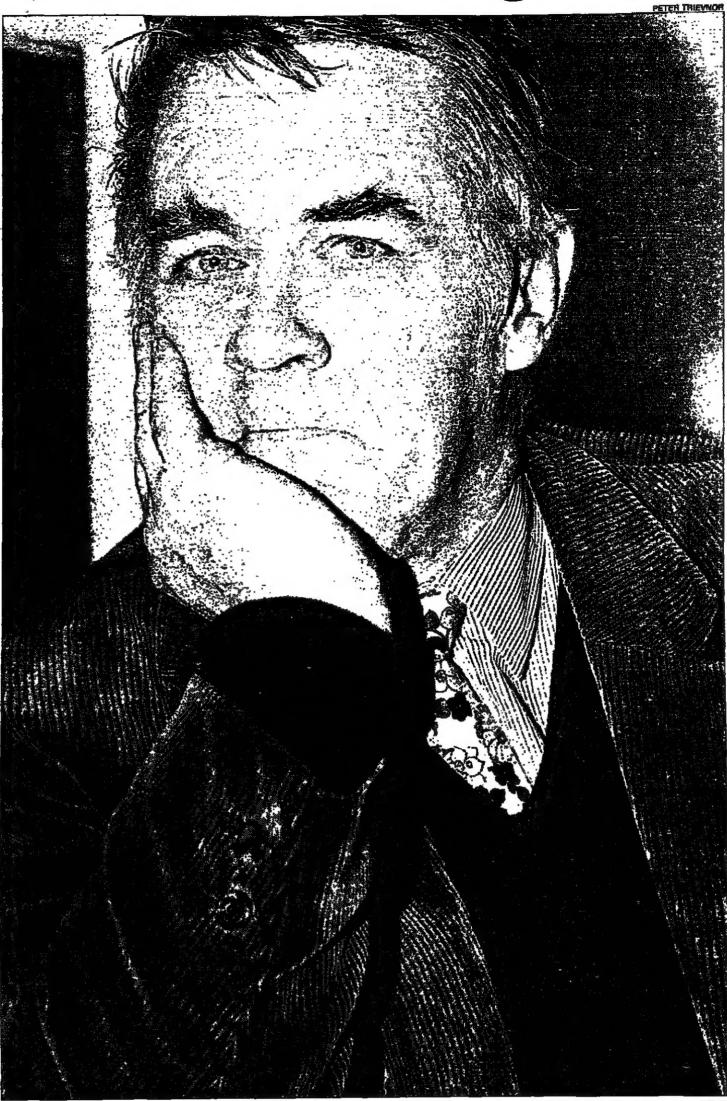
ometimes he feels "the great uplift, the occasional ecstasy you get from being an oldie". It is a philosophy espoused by Germaine Greer in her book The Change and Mr Ingrams is rather impressed by that aspect of it. Fortunately, unlike Ms Greer, he does not demand that his interviewers should be within range of the menopause although he snig-

Why a 54-year-old man, who claims to have a mental age of around 37 finds it necessary to wrinkle prematurely remains a pazzle — unless, of course, the decision is purely commercial.

With longevity on the increase,

Mr Ingrams has a trapped and largely uncatered-for audience. Looking round at his fellow members of what he describes as the "once trendy" Groucho club. it is clear the potential is already there. Besides, Mr Ingrams was des-

emptive obituary of himself in 1990, he finished, presciently, in traditional Eye style. "At the age of 53, Ingrams greatly surprised his family and friends when he (con-



Addicted to ageing: sometimes Mr Ingrams (aged 54) feels "the great uplift, the occasional ecstasy you get from being an oldie"

# A study of 'ordinary' British taste reveals unexpected domestic passions

# Style wars and lace curtains



Reinctant guru: Mr Barker, at home in Hampstead, is wary about revealing his own taste

to my wifethe right to make put their drinks down on the decisons about the

magazines." Mr Barker is reluctant to talk about his own taste in too much detail (although a pair of conventional lace curtains at his kitchen window are described as "execrable") and tends to steer conversation to the art collection which, he feels, is the main feature of his home in Hampstead, north London. ity to fastion, and an often shifting silf image... This is combined with anxieties "I have something of an obsession with modern art, and in the main our home is

about being comfortable and having a reasonable place to Money Mr Barker says. hang pictures. he says.

I'd say the house reflects has very little to do with how people apress their taste. me more than Barbara [his One will off couple's inwife] and I recognised bits of security has over what type of drinkstoasters to buy that myself in different people I filmed - so in the first would be suitable for their

own prejudices." This epi-sode, titled "Marie-Louise collects brie-t-brac", demonstrates \_ "how a new generation of men has undermined their spouses' traditional sovereignty in the home", as Mr Barker puts it. Hence the power struggles over carpets and curtains.

Other programmes in the series look at the influences on single people, parents and children, and the British obsession with antiquity. "The big difference between a DIY store in Britain and anywhere else is the amount of 'antique' fittings you find

here," Mr Barker says. Mr Barker, a social anthropologist, feels his own terraced house "screams Hampstead media type because of the prominence of

books, music and art against a background of plain walls and carpets and pieces of old furniture. "It is a stereotype, a sophisticated one, but a stereotype none the less."

As his series shows, domestic taste is a question of compromise between the needs and desires of the various occupants. Men, he has discovered, are more interested in show, women in comfort. Women tend towards sentimentality (pictures of their family, cuddly toys, and so on), men towards high-technology gadgetry. The screen in his entrance

hall is a legacy of his grandmother, the Lego and blackboard testimony to his fouryear-old daughter, Anastasia, the computer under the kitchen cupboards is Bar-

bara's. But he has only himself to blame, he says, for "the world's most impraetical sink", fixed diagonally in the centre of the kitchen where it can splash dinner guests at the "we prefer to eat in the kitchen" pine

Eighty subjects were singled out for the programme which lingers cruelly on each cuddly toy, pseudo- Dresden figurine and trailing flex.

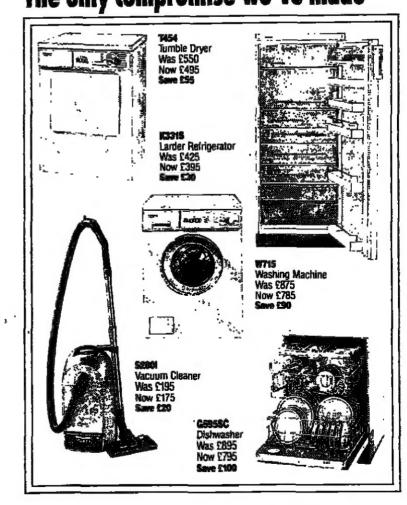
lthough the films have no editorial comment, Mr Barker notes in the accompanying book that the Thatcher years may have given the public new opportunities to define themselves through patterns of consumption rather than their social and educational background. However, the flipside of this privilege was the vastly increased scope for

getting it wrong."
He feels that "social mobility leads to greater anxieties" as people reject the taste of their parents but do not know what model to turn to. The series is not simply a mockery of the worst of working and lower middleclass taste, Mr Barker says. "There are some people in it who could be friends ... I didn't want my prejudices to

remain outside its remit." His own prejudices, he says, include any but white shower curtains (for some reason he cannot explain). and artificial fires - a though he has one in his drawing-room. "I don't know why," he shrugs. "For someone who generally detests the inauthentic, why is it that this is acceptable? I'd certainly never have a fake fire in the country - we would only have real in our cottage

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# Uneasiness out there

#### **Charles Bremner studies** timid-talking America

ith the cold war ending in victory for America, Euro-Disney opening in France and Arnold Schwarzenegger ruling the parts of the planet that even McDonald's cannot reach, it seems improbable that Americans should be suffering from a shortage of self-confidence. Yet something is clearly awry in the self-esteem department, and one need not be a social scientist to notice it. Just listen to the way Americans are talking.

The old loud, look-you-in-the eye self-assurance that foreigners both mocked and envied is giving way to a most un-American remativeness in speech, both official and private. The effect can be disconcerting. The loudspeakers in an airport. for example, may announce that "Delta Airlines flight 123 to Miami is departing from gate 15?"
with the intonation of a question. In the same
vein, the news may go something like this: "Good
fortune, like, struck a Michigan family yesterday when their pet canary won the lottery?

Inflecting declarations to sound like questions is of course old hat in some parts of the world. English-speakers have been doing it for well over a century in Liverpool. Sydney and other places, but the phenomenon is new in educated speech in America. (The old New York Jewish habit of answering questions with rhetorical questions is different.) Starting with teen-talk in California in the mid-1980s, the interrogatory tone has invaded discourse to such an extent that even George Bush, who rarely finishes a sentence. adopts it when projecting his "regular guy" persona. "I'm, like, the president?" he told innercity school children in a chat last year.

ovelist Lynne Sharon Schwartz has called this epidemic of rising inflections ominous and Orwellian. It implies, she says, that Americans are no longer sure of anything, not even their own names ("Hi, I'm Jim Smith?" is a common self-introduction, inviting the reply "Yes, of course you're Jim Smith"]. Writing in *The New York Times*, Ms Schwartz concludes that when they open their mouths, Americans seem to be saying "Here's what I think I think, but if you don't agree I can be saying the finger at the country of the points the finger at easily change my mind". She points the finger at a current villain, the politically correct movement (PC) and its academic underpinning, deconstruction theory. This says that the meaning of a "text" is independent of the intentions of the speaker or writer. The new inflection reflects a lack of trust in the capacity of the spoken word to bear any meaning at all, said Ms Schwartz.

Sensitive PC types have been quick to brand her idea as "inappropriate", the maximum term of opproblum in America these days. Frank

Peters, a linguistics professor in Pennsylvania. says Ms Schwartz has got it completely wrong. The inflection is a sign of optimism on the part of the American young, he says. Another profes wrote to the editor to say Ms Schwartz had failed to note that "an inappropriate, rising inflection most often is a characteristic of feminine speech". Women are said to use it to avoid sounding overassertive in a male-dominated society.

ith so many words and ideas deemed inappropriate and offensive, it is not surprising that a vague and defensive tone has crept into colloquial idiom. Times have ea since ine aays when school chuaren ha a few incontrovertible facts to grasp, such as Columbus discovered America in 1492". State that, or anything else, with conviction nowadays and you will be accused of having a "major attitude problem". At the very least you will be greeted with the response: "Right!" Ludicrous though it may sound, this is the current way of stating doubt or outright disbelief.

No wonder a sense of siege can be detected in much of America's current jargon. The feeling of being alone in a hostile environment is implicit in the vogue phrase "out there". President Bush, a national role-model for tentative speech, has adopted it as a personal catchphrase, using it to refer to anything happening in America, as in: "There's a lot of uneasiness out there."

Since British speech has always sounded diffident to Americans, the tentative tone will probably not join the eastward flow of slang across the Atlantic British visitors, however, should make a mental translation. Arriving at Kennedy airport, the man in uniform may say: "I'm a customs officer?" Offering him reassurance is not appropriate.

# P.A.J. Waddington describes the hazards police face when confronting armed suspects

The man shot dead by police in the Rastrick siege on Wednesday turned out to have been armed with replica not real guns, a fact which is bound to increase public concern about such inci-dents. The police have never been so well-trained in the use of firearms or subject to so much oversight, yet more people are being shot by them.

The problem is not with professional armed robbers. who, I believe, familiarise themselves with the surrender proce-dures used by the police so that if confronted they can readily comply, rather than suffer the possibly fatal consequences of a misunderstanding. The prob-lem is with the increasing number of minor criminals, the deranged and people embroiled in violent domestic quarrels who use guns, or replicas, and are often as reckless with their own lives as they are with the lives

of others. But surely, one might ask, police are trained to distinguish a real gun from a replica? There must be alternative ways of disabling someone who appears to be armed? The difficulties faced

# The force under fire

were vividly illustrated last summer when local authority planning officials tried to evict a man from a house he had unlawfully built in Northumberland. There, in front of the television cameras, the man brandished a gun. "It could not be real, could it?", we all thought. Then he it?", we all thought. Then he fired it and the chief planning

officer lay dead.
On the other hand, it is easy to fool someone into believing that almost anything — a toy gun, a stick, even a fountain pen — is a gun. A detective sergeant who unexpectedly found himself con-fronting a robber armed with a shotgun, pulled a fountain pen from his pocket and adopting the marksman's stance successfully challenged the robber to lay

own his gun. If the weapon is an imitation, even the expert will be deceived without an opportunity to inspect it. When a man held up a gun shop last year wielding an shotgun demonstrated to them, imitation gun, he was shot and



High-tech rifle: training with weapons is vastly improved

who was no more able to distinguish the fake from the real thing than anyone else. One result of today's intensive firearms training for police is that marksmen are less likely to assume that the "weapon" being wielded is a fake. The lesson they learn, above all others, is how lethal all guns can be. They have had the awesome power of a

killed by one of the salesmen, and seen mortuary pictures of victims of shootings. They know of two fellow officers who were shot as they shouted warnings to armed adversaries, and of another killed by a shotgun discharged from within the bag carried by a suspect.

In a contest in which any error is likely to mean death or serious injury, police marksmen learn to assume the worst. Their whole training emphasises caution. have apparently got out of a car and are lying in the road, police still approach with caution.
They have been taught how an armed criminal can spring out of the boot of a car. They know that an armed criminal sometimes carries several guns, and that they must not drop their

Of course, the police are also taught the dangers of concluding too hastily that a person is armed. Placed before video screens, they confront all kinds of scenarios in which they are required to make the fateful decision whether or not to shoot. Like the journalists who are occasionally treated to similar opportunities, they sometimes 'shoot" the unarmed - I shot a

guard when one is surrendered.

man with an umbrella. The use of, or threat to use, guns is a very serious matter for all those involved. Police know that if they fire a weapon during an operation they must be able to justify its use. Despite years of searching the world, no viable alternative to the use of firearms by police has been discovered. A split-second decision may have to be taken in a confused

The image of Dixon of Dock Green advancing towards the youthful gunman, hand out-stretched and uttering the immortal words, "Give me the gun, son", is far more appealing than that of the police marksman in baseball cap, body armour and carrying a carbine or shotgun. However, the Dixon image is less appealing to real-life police officers, who find themseives more often.

The police have always needed to use firearms from time to time. In Dixon's day, guns used to be the preserve of professional criminals. The growing use of firearms by minor criminals and the deranged inevitably leads to incidents such as that in Rastrick this week.

Dr Waddington, author of The Strong Arm of the Law (OUP), trained as a police

# No prizes for prudence

# The electorate may not thank the the Chancellor for his defence of the currency, says Peter Riddell

or once, there really is no alternative. The argument over economic policy which has opened election year is artificial. The smoke generated by the exchanges in the television and radio studios hides a battle being fought largely on shared ground. Labour and the Liberal Democrats agree with the central tenet of the government's policy, its determination to maintain the current value of sterling within the exchange-rate mechanism. John Smith has been as firm as John Major or Norman Lamont in rejecting any realignment. He wants to appear as prudent an aspirant chancellor as Roy Jenkins was in practice in the late 1960s.

Membership of the ERM has options, not only over sterling and interest rates, but also over the level of public borrowing.
Differences about the distribution of public spending and taxes, important though they are, are now these limits.

Both the Tories and Labour are trapped by their pasts. Having belatedly come round to accepting ERM membership after the excessive relaxation of the late 1980s, the Tories now have to demonstrate the credibility of their anti-inflation policy. Similarly, after the high inflation of the 1970s, a Labour government would have to reas-

the current value of sterling.

Nor is a quick fix available. Whether or not sterling entered the ERM at the right rate, it is an illusion to believe that only has already said it would reverse ERM shackles are preventing such a cut. faster recovery. Sir Teddy Taylor was talking nonsense in sug-gesting that leaving the ERM draw. Current difficulties are and devaluing might allow a cut not simply, as they argue, the re-

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in interest rates of 4 per cent. Mr mark in a Financial Times interview when he argued that "a realignment might actually lead to higher interest rates, since the markets would have no guarantee that a government prepared to devalue once would not do so again". Only starry-eyed optimists believe Britain's underlying inflation prospects have been so transformed as to justify taking the risk of reignit-ing wage and price pressures by a large devaluation.

A general realignment of Euchanged the political debate. It ropean currencies, rather than has narrowed macroeconomic merely a sterling devaluation, is possible later in the year, but this would not be of much help unless German interest rates were cut. However much the Bundesbank's pre-Christmas decision to raise interest rates may be for the gap between sterling and Deutschmark interest rates is already the smallest for more

than a decade. Mr Lamont may comfort himself with the thought that his macroeconomic policy is right, and that Labour largely agrees. But this is unlikely to be much help politically. The Tories' problem is that there is little they can do to hasten a recovery. Mr sure the markets. Both parties Lamont may try to highlight have good reasons for defending party differences over "lower taxes versus higher spending by cutting income tax in the budget, but that might seem too much like a bribe, and Labour

> The Tories also have little public goodwill on which to



Budget day 1970: Roy Jenkins's cautious policies were blamed for Labour's election loss

sult of an acknowledged mistake: the easing of monetary policy after the 1987 stockmarket crash, when Labour urged a larger relaxation than the government introduced. The key errors were the big tax cuts in the budget of spring 1988 and the failure to tighten monetary policy sufficiently quickly. These fuelled an already rapid expan-sion of private sector debt, which is now being slowly unravelled, at the cost of delayed recovery.

Moreover, predictions about turning points in the economy. however cautiously phrased,

have been wrong too often for the public to put much trust in further forecasts, however probable, about moving out of recession in "the months ahead". Mr Lamont, an honest man and a pessimist by temperament, fails to convey the confident reassurance needed at such times. He does not bolster public spirits as the more buccaneering Denis Healey and Nigel Lawson might have done in the circumstances.

The opposition can reasonably blame the government for the depth of the recession and for premature forecasts of an

upturn, but within the disciplines of the ERM, Labour cannot promise much short-term improvement. Increases in public spending and borrowing aiready proposed by the Tories have pre-empted any further fiscal stimulus. Labour's policies of larger tax incentives for investment in plant and machinery, and of a phased release of councils' capital reserves for house improvement and building might help to produce a more balanced upturn, but would probably not have much impact on its timing and pace. For the the luxury - overdue, its leaders feel - of watching the Tories squirm without having to answer too many questions itself.

The Tories are still well ahead of Labour in polls that ask which party offers more competent economic management. Ministers reassure themselves that voters turn to the Conservatives if times are hard. Whether this changes, will depend upon whether they can persuade people that there is a worldwide slowdown and that the govern-ment is not responsible for the delayed recovery.

he latest decrioration in the "feel-good" index, Mori's neasure of net optimism about the economy, is much mere worry-ing for the Tories than the shift in party ratings. The "eel-good" index has correlated cosely with voting at elections and was clearly favourable for the few months before the Tow victories in 1983 and 1987. The sharp deterioration in this index in December may have been affected by the gloomy news about Christmas shopping, but the Tories need a rapid improvement here, and no interest-rate rise, to feel confident about the election.

over macroeconomic policy will not stop voters rejetting the government responsibe for recent hardships. And there are no virtues in being right if your party loses the election as Roy Jenkins discovered. His fiscally responsible spring badget in 1970 - when Treasury officials would have liked even more caution — was partly blamed for Labour losing the June election that year. His personal political standing in the party was never so high afterwards. Similarly. if the Tories lose their majority this year, Mr Major may be held responsible for his leading role as Chancelor in taking sterling into the ERM in Octo-ber 1990. Being right is not much good when the economic and electoral ocles are out of line.

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# ...and moreover ETER BARNARD

hate to trouble you with this but I was wondering if you knew when 1991 was ing to end. The reason I ask is that I have a 1992 Times Diary in front of me, which, over the years. I have found to be a pretty reliable publication, up to date, on the ball, all that. The map section has Germany unified and places like Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia are shown as parts of the "SSR", which as you will recall is what the USSR turned into before it turned into whatever it is now after consulting and Steel, £5.99). You would think, in those circumstances, that The Times Diary could get

the calendar right. But I see that it lists today as being January 3, which cannot be right, can it? Only yesterday, on what the Diary disturbingly refers to as January 2, I switched on a Radio 4 programme called Face the Faces and blow me, they were review-ing all the wonderful things they had done in 1991. Now everyone knows that newspapers and television are entitled to a bit of nostalgia at the end of the year. but that is it, you see: the end of the year. Surely you cannot get away with reviewing one year two days into the next?

I blame Pick of the Week, another Radio 4 programme. This has been running for years, every Friday night. Somebody thought it would be a wonderful thing to play back at listeners

heard but wished they had. Apparently the BBC thinks Radio 4 listeners like to be either bored or frustrated, which for all I know may be true.

Talking about looking backwards, I rather think the early part of the first paragraph has been the highlight of this col-umn so far, that bit about "when is 1991 going to end". I like that, bet I had you going there, bet you thought, hello, he has been on a new year binge and woken up having missed two days. How embarrassing for the poor old sod.
All this crane-your-neck tele-

vision and radio is bad for us. in my view. I will grant that 1991 was a momentous year, I will give you that, I will concede the point without so much as a flutter of an objection. You win. Game, set and match. How many more ways can I say it without passing the 1991 world record for repeats, set by a piece of videotape showing Terry Waite landing at RAF Lyncham? I have now seen this so many times that I could probably fly a VC10 single handed at the first attempt.

Although I still think the

1991 is my favourite so far, you may or may not have noticed a rather subtle bit of linkage back there which is worth highlight-ing. We go in for subtle links quite a lot here on Pick of the Column So Far, but if we did not, if we went in for overt links, we might have said: "Talking of

about that other Waite, Terry, and his momentous landing at RAF Lyneham?" We might have said that, had we been Radio 4. although whether a plane landing stands up to more than two or three airings on the radio is a moot point.

Sam Goldwyn said that nostalgia ain't what it used to be. although mercifully he only said it once. He should have lived to see 1991, or rather 1992, in which nostalgia is not only what it used to be it will also be repeated next Tuesday on long wave only with the transcript appearing in a BBC book of which there is also a BBC video.

I intend to get on this band-wagon forthwith. Already every available shop premises ad-jacent to Next has been bought up by my retail chain. Last, whose desktop publishing arm has made a hostile hid for Old has made a hostile bid for Old Moore's Almanac. If successful, the 1993 edition will contain the sort of predictions people are comfortable with: the fall of the Berlin wall, Ian Botham's return to Test cricket.

Of course this will not greatly excite those who read this column on Monday, containing as it did my pledge to dig up the garden in exchange for a knight-hood: undoubtedly the highlight of the entire six-sevenths of the week to date. A promise that bears repeating if ever I heard of one. Almost on a par with the news that I have won the contract to pulp the 1992 Times extracts from programmes they had already heard, or extracts from programmes they had not we might have said: "Talking of heard. Or extracts from programmes they had not by John Waite, what he mew, accurate one. Merry Christmas."

#### Early reading hobbits

AS hobbits everywhere celebrate the centenary today of J.R.R. Tolkien's birth, few lovers of his books realise the debt they owe to a tenyear-old boy who launched the professor on his career as a children's author. Rayner Unwin, son of the publisher, the late Sir Stanley Unwin, was a boy of ten in 1935 when his father received Tolkien's manuscript of The Hobbit. "My father always believed that the best judge of children's books are children themselves." says Unwin. "So he commissioned me to read the manuscript of The Hobbit and write a report for which he paid me the princely sum of one shilling."

Unwin gave the work his juvenile thumbs up and the rest is publishing history. Yet the precocious talent-spotter, now 66, is modest about his role. His critical judgment was not always so unerring, he confesses. " At the same time I also approved a book called The Adventures of Dan the Dog Detective, which hardly had the makings of immortality. Who on earth has heard of that now?"

Later, when he went up to Ox-ford. Unwin got to know the professor. " I went round to his house for tea about once a week. It was not a great tea though it was enlivened as he pushed manuscripts into my hand saying: 'Do

read this my dear boy'. Yet Tolkien did not take kindly to criticism. Later Unwin went to work for the family firm, and recalls the row when the printers corrected some of Tolkien's spelling. "He was furious and demanded an explanation. They told him they had looked the words up in the Oxford English Dictionary. 'My dear sirs.' he retorted, 'I wrote the OED'.'



 Nigel Rees — he of Quote Unquote fame — has turned himself into a limited company. After the radio shows and the books come the information service and a subscription newsletter. But some quotations have stumped even Rees. Can anyone help with the origin of the saying most often heard in Moscow these days: The trouble with free elections is you never know who is going to win?"

#### Snakes and adders

THEY may not have been counting them in two by two like Noah but London zoo reached 16,000 in its annual stock-take yesterday. Not a creature was safe from the keepers' clipboards as they toured the cages, aviaries and vivariums to check the correct numbers of tilas were still at home.

Zoo spokesman Gina Dobson said: "We tend not to have a great problem keeping tabs on the lions and gorillas and would have a good idea if one escaped across Regent's Park. But locusts never stop jumping around, the fish hide in the drainage systems and counting the birds is always difficult."

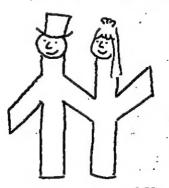
Fortunately the age of the barcoded animal has not arrived just yet. "But we do keep a record of them all on a computerised system called Arks." And the most difficult beast of all to stock-take? No contest, according to Dave Risley. head-counter in the reptile and aquarium houses. "Blue-tongued skinks from Australia. You just cannot tell which one is which."

#### Awayday

THE spirit of romance is alive and well at British Rail. Only months after being rapped by the Advertising Standards Authority for implying that it was possible to take a train to Greena Green, BR has decided to aid eloping lovers by building a station there.

The BR posters advertised £49 fares from London to Gretna Green, but were hastily with-drawn when the ASA said they were "misleading". Now contracts are about to be exchanged to build a station to be opened in 1993. "It's not just the romantic con-

sideration. There are sound business reasons for the expansion."



says BR, which was inundated with enquiries when the advertisements appeared. But would-be elopers should think twice before letting the train take the strain.

The wait for a chance to marry at Green is even longer than that for the average BR train. Yet BR has a ready answer. "Couples would be welladvised to book hotel room first," says a spokesman. "And we dooffer some very competitive weekend breaks . . .

 Could Britain le about to get its first woman European commis sioner in Lynda Chalker? If Neil Kinnock wins the dection, he will follow the protocolof appointing one Tory and one labour name as Britain's representatives in Brussels. Kinnock is utlikely to offer Sir Leon Brittan another term, and Chalker is sail to be top of his list of acceptabe Tories. Even if Major wins, Chaker will prob-ably lose her marginal seat. What better way to heal off criticism of the lack of women in his cabinet than by appainting her to

#### Art in the rubble

WITH the final revel assault in Tbilisi imminent, dans are still proceeding for artist from Bristol to swap places with heir counterparts in the Georgia, capital. The deal was struck between the twin towns after Georgia declared its independence. Despie the strile on the streets, Brisid's Arnolfini Gallery is determined to fulfil its

However, the British Council. which is also supporting the ex-change, is more cautous. "If the situation stays the same we will take Foreign Office advice. We may ask them to think again." But while history is beint made and lives are being lost it Tbilisi, all remains quiet on the iristol front. The Arnolfini management was still on Christmas loliday yesterday. "If you want toknow about Georgia, try again or Monday." said the switchboard. Heaven knows what may have happened

on the streets of Tbilis by then.



# PEACEKEEPER BY FORCE

After 14 ceaselires between the warring Serbs and Croats, some lasting no more than a few hours, the outside world is understandably sceptical about the chances of a lasting peace. Cyrus Vance, the United Nations special envoy, has himself been generally gloomy in previous fruitless shutiles between Zagreb and Belgrade as he sought guarantees of a durable ceasefire, a prerequisite to the deployment of UN peacekeeping forces.

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Mr Vance now appears to be more optimistic, and has been promised tentative agreement, even from hardline Semian leaders in the Krajina enclave, that the Yugoslav army will be withdrawn as UN forces move into the Serbian populated villages in Croatia where fighting has been fiercest. But both he and Lord Carringion. the European Community's negotiator who is still energetically conducting his own negotiations, recognise that a ceasefire is only a first, though vital, step. There is a long haul after that.

The security council must now meet to raise the troops for Yugoslavia. At least 10,000 will be needed, making it one of the biggest and most expensive peacekeeping operations ever undertaken. When the troops arrive, they will move into three areas of Croatia which will then be demilitarised. This will give refugees a chance to return to their shattered villages. The UN will guarantee overall peace while local police, lightly armed, ethnically balanced and supervised by UN monitors, will be responsible for dayto-day security.

The essential condition is that the UN should not establish a new green line, a de facto partition that legitimises the present position of the federal army. Yugoslavia must not turn into another Cyprus — a country divided by the blue berets who remain indefinitely while the two communities; under no time deadline, bicker about a political solution. Yugoslavia is an ethnic leopardskin. UN forces must be deployed in small units where their protection is needed.

At the same time direct political negotiations between Serbs and Croats must begin immediately. The Hague forum is already in place. It does not matter whether it moves to Lisbon or elsewhere. The EC still has a

political; if not military, role, and this must continue in tandem with UN involvement. What should be on the agenda? It would be unwise to begin with borders, although the Serbs would like to do so. They maintain that as victims of genymandering by Tito to keep them divided they can feel secure only if political and ethnic boundaries coincide. But the present borders have been in place for a while, and changing them now not only fuels suspicion of Greater Serbia but sets a dangerous precedent elsewhere, with minorities in Czechoslovakia, Transylvania and Ruthenia all wanting to reunite with their brethren across international borders.

The first task must be to work out a modus vivendi between the republics. The plan already accepted in The Hague by all except Serbia involves a future Yugoslavia of variable geometry, allowing republics as much or as little association with each other as they choose. It would allow Serbia and Montenegro to continue their association, with Bosnia-Herzegovinz and Macedonia forming a loose link and Croatia and Slovenia probably opting for a complete break.

Until now Serbia has opposed this "dis-solution" of Yugoslavia. Still hankering to proclaim itself the successor state, as Russia did to the Soviet Union, it wants to take over Yugoslav embassies and assets abroad. But Slobodan Milosevic is a shrewd politician. He knows that the world will not contemplate any Serbian veto on the republics freely going their own way, especially after EC recognition of them in two weeks time. The Serbian economy is haemorrhaging massively. He has little choice but to moderate his ambitions, attempt to rein in local extremists and continue political negotiations as the UN deploys.

Agreement may still slip through Mr Vance's fingers. Franjo Tudiman, the Crost leader, demonstrating the pigheaded intol-erance that even now could wreck any compromise, said on Monday that if Croatia could not use the UN to free the regions occupied by the federal army, it would do so by war. Once the ceasefire sticks, UN troops must move in swiftly. Only the sight of fully armed forces, ready to fire if necessary, will stop the fanatics on both sides from rekindling the flames of war.

# DRIVEN FROM DRINK

When Barbara Castle introduced the breathalyser nearly 30 years ago, she was branded a killioy and a dictator. It is astonishing the extent to which, in 1992, the philosophy that demands that drinking and driving be kept separate his mon near universal acceptance. In part this is the result of individuals reforming themselves in particular the vogue for healthy living means that it is no longer thought wimpish not to drink at hunchtime, nor rude to remain sober at night. In part it is a result of increasingly hard-hitting government propaganda. The drunk-driver who is caught now loses not only his licence, but social esteem too.

According to a Gallup survey for Legal and General, 84 per cent of people say that think twice before drinking and driving. The tougher the campaign, the greater the effect, with "Drinking wrecks lives" deemed the most salutary slogan of all in 1990. The latest campaign, which brings home not just the effects on others' lives but the humiliation to the driver himself, may have touched the nerve of self-interest which was undisturbed

by appeals to altruism. Gallup finds that 87 per cent say that they would not drive home from a party over the limit. But yesterday's publication of the police Christmas drink-drive statistics show that a hard core still does. Some are alcoholics; others young tearaways; many are part of a bolshie residue of middle-class people unwilling to change the habits of a lifetime and unconvinced that drinking makes them unfit to be behind the wheel.

That this is a minority is shown by the most informative figures for accidents involving industry. These are down in 38 out of 43. regions compared with 1990, and by 23 per cent overall. Since drink is established as a major cause of such accidents, this is a success. Doubtless some policemen will point to the higher percentages of positive results

in many regions as ammunition for the introduction of random testing. It is no such thing. The percentages are higher not because the numbers caught are larger but because the total number of tests is smaller. The police seem to have become more efficient and are catching almost the same number of drinkers while inconveniencing. fewer innocent drivers. The aim should be to target the calprits ever more narrowly and thus harass the innocent ever less. Random testing would achieve the opposite.

Some reforms of the drink-driving law are required nevertheless. The legal limit increasingly appears too high. The "rule of three" was used by Mrs Castle to warn people that quite small quantities of alcohol practice, many can get away with drinking more - certainly with up to five units of alcohol (for a man). Gallup found that almost everybody thinks the limit is lower than it is. For instance, 87 per cent of men either did not know what the limit was or thought it represented fewer than five units of alcohol.

The time may have come to lower it to something nearer the levels typical in Europe. At the same time, well publicised cases over Christmas have revealed worrying differences in the penalties. The principle should be to hit the really drunk driver, and especially the repeating offender, extremely hard, rather than to penalise to the limit those whose enfringement is less heinous.

Few want Britain turned into an ersatz Scandinavia in the grip of moral puritanism. If all risk be eliminated, then so is all joy. British drivers are already the safest in Europe, and getting safer: mobility and pleasure matter as well as saving lives. Modest law reform is desirable, though draconian law reform is not; but what really works is self-reform and self-policing by responsible drivers themselves.

# THE VERB TO KILL

I cull: you hunt: he slaughters. The reality for the animal is in each case essentially the same. It is dead, deceased, no longer, it has gone to meet its maker. But careful conjugation of the verb enables that reality to be presented with a slant to suit the prejudices of the executioner. The keeper at Kew who shoots squirrels can still regard himself as an animal-lover, deploring those who ride to hounds and despising sealclubbers and whale harpooners.

Such moral distinctions can be defended. For example, there is a case for the culling of animals who themselves have been introduced by humans into a particular protected environment, where natural forces can no longer he relied on to adjust their numbers. Human beings may then play a role as a surrogate predator, acting not in their own interests but in those of the animals by stepping in to restore the more natural balance.

Some methods of control are less nasty than others. It is no doubt a sadness to the Canada goose to find that its eggs have been pricked and do not hatch; but it is less painful than the crack of buckshot on feather. Some reasons for killing are more convincing than others. At the one extreme of unattractiveness is the rationale advanced by Wandsworth Council for its decision to kill 200 of its 800 Canada geese: that they are the "thugs of the bird world". This is unfair on the geese who do only what comes naturally. It is also dishonest the real reason for

the cull is not what the geese do to other birds but what their droppings do to human shoes.

Yet those opposed to killing animals are not beyond their own hypocrisies. One such makes the acceptability of slaughter depend on how the animals look. Humans are bunny huggers, susceptible to fur and wide eyes. Some animals, like the dolphin, enjoy anthropomorphic appeal. Others, like the whale, stir primeval emotions. Few by contrast rush to don "save the rat" T-shirts. Animals go in and out of fashion. Magpies, like the geese, are "out" in the bird world, and while there is evidence that their numbers are increasing, there is none that they are responsible for the decline in song birds. Skunks, whose name once stank, are "in" thanks to a peculiarly appealing brand of soft toy. Not much morality here.

Amid such hypocrisies and complexities, where does virtue lie? In the past, man has erred on the side of too much cruelty. Few would countenace a revival in cocklighting or bear-bailing. Yet the pendulum is in danger of swinging too far. A cull, for example, of the mongrels who haunt Britain's run-down council estates would barely increase canine unhappiness and greatly contribute to human happiness. Mankind must give due weight to the interests of animals, since they cannot do so themselves. But mankind is also entitled to give due weight to its own rights as a species. and, if necessary, to be cruel to be kind,

# Priorities for new commonwealth

From Mr James F. Pawsey, MP for Rugby and Kenilworth (Conservative) and Sir Rhodes Boyson, MP for Brent North (Conservative)

Sir, Michael Howard ("Avoiding a new arms race", December 31) is right to sound a note of caution about events in the former Soviet Union, for the break-up of what President Reagan described as "the evil empire" may not in the long run be totally beneficial.

The first and most important problem is how to feed the millions who will soon be starving as they move from a socialist to a free market economy. Empty bellies make poor counsellors, and if we are to avoid anarchy in the east the

people must be fed. The machinery and the food both exist: the machinery is Nato and the western transport know-how; the food is the stockpile held by the EC and the United States. The Soviet people need help over this winter — a breathing space enabling them to plant this year's crop and to make preparations for its future efficient harvesting and distribution.

But, hand in hand with that, the West should insist on proper control of the 50,000 nuclear weapons. The International Atomic Energy Ag-ency is the right vehicle for its implementation, as Michael Howard suggests.

Tactical nuclear weapons cause particular concern. These smaller engines of mass destruction use longrange artillery, and it would be relatively easy for such shells to be supplied to some of the less democratic regimes throughout the world. The attraction to countries like Iraq. for example, must be enormous; they were prepared to spend countless millions attempting to develop their own atomic device — now they may seek to buy or bribe them from a quartermaster's stores.

Given the growing anarchy in the east, this does not seem to us to be a time when we should be reducing our own defence. Maybe the Min-istry of Defence's "Options for change" should be reconsidered.

Yours faithfully. JAMES F. PAWSEY, RHODES BOYSON. House of Commons. January 2.

#### From Dr Robert McGeehan

Sir, Professor Geoffrey Hosking's suggestion (letter, December 27) that Nato should agree to the notion of Russia and all the other ex-Soviet republics joining the organisation is well-meant but unwise. This is not only because there is no realistic chance that present members would agree to the accession of states which have only recently embraced democratic values and which remain internally unstable.

The post-cold war world order, such as it is, needs the Atlantic January 2.

#### Women in Parliament

From Baroness Hamwee

Sir, While women, in very slowly increasing numbers, are putting the female point of view in some areas of our society. Parliament cannot be representative while it is predominantly male.

How sad to see (report and list of parliamentary candidates, January 2) that neither the Conservative nor Labour parties have applied this piece of logic. Seats where the MP is retiring must be the most winnable

January 2. ished and finally ceased to exist for him. He did not recognise me, only

knew that I was there with him.

I appreciate the pain, heartache

and often utter desolation borne by

so many carers and the tremendous

courage with which they face each

day. I most warmly commend this

appeal to the generosity of all your

Yours sincerely.
MARJORIE STONE.

December 27.

Parkview, 178 Broadway.

Uphill struggle

From Mr Ansel Harris

level of the playing field.

Yours faithfully,

December 29.

ANSEL HARRIS.

23 Ferneroft Avenue.

Hampstead, NW3.

Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

Sir, Perhaps if we all, at home and

abroad, resolved this new year to

learn to play cricket, a game "in

which opposing sides do not change ends at half-time" (letter, December

28), we would neither need to shift

the goal posts, nor worry about the

#### Alzheimer's appeal From Mrs Marjorie Stone

Sir, I was so pleased to know that your Christmas appeal this year was for the Alzheimer's Disease Society freport and leading article, Decem-My husband died from this very

sad and cruel disease ten years ago. He had read The Times each day for over 50 years until the last two years of his life, when he did not even know what it was that the paper-boy delivered each day. All communication with the world gradually dimin-

#### Latin and eating

From Lord Deramore

Sir. Can it be that one of the fellow pupils of Mrs Rottenburg (letter, December 27), who defaced their copies of Approach to Latin by adding such helpful footnotes as "turn to page 26" and so on, had a hand in the compilation of the Alternative Service Book for Anglican worship? Yours truly,

DERAMORE. Heslington House, Alslaby. Pickering, North Yorkshire.

#### Impaired hearing

From Mr Neil Weir

Sir, The launching of Lord Snowdon's new hearing device (report. December 16: letters, December 24) has served to raise the ever-present problem of the provision of hearing aids for those people with inner-ear hearing loss. The World Health Organisation (WHO) estimates that there are 42 million people over the age of three years with a moderate to profound hearing impairment.

This figure must be a gross underestimate as in the United States alone there are 28 million people with hearing impairment needing assistance. The conservative estimate world wide would be near four to five times the WHO estimate.

In this context hearing-aid availability and affordability becomes a major problem. Hearing aids are beyond the reach of most individuals living in the Third World in need of such devices because of their high cost, their problems with fixing, maintenance and repair, and the availability and cost of hearingaid batteries. In a recent survey of the prevalence of deafness and ear disease in Nepal the Britain-Nepal Otology Service found that 1.7 per cent of the population (252,000

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people) were suffering from inner-ear

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Alliance both as a military insurance

policy in case some organised threat

from the areas of the former Soviet

Union should materialise and as a

forum for assisting emerging democ-

racies through its institutions for

international peace and co-opera-

tion. To expand its membership

are most essential.

University-Europe,

Relations.

forecasting.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT McGEEHAN,

United States International

Department of International

From Dr Peter van den Dungen

reports (December 31) that Mr

Gorbachev is expected to set up and

head a Gorbachev fund for political

Twenty-five years ago, after his return to Moscow from exile in

Siberia, the late Andrei Amalrik

insuccessfully tried to air his views

about the future of the Soviet Union

in that country's press. He coura-geously had his book, Will the Soviet

Union Survive Until 1984?, pub-

lished in the West in 1970 (which

resulted in further imprisonment

and exile).
One of the possibilities which he

the granting of independence to the various Soviet nationalities will come

about peacefully and some sort of federa-tion will be created, similar to the British Commonwealth or the European Eco-

Would not the interesting initiative

of the last president of the Soviet

Union be welcomed all the more if

Amalrik's name were posthumously

Sir. The former Soviet envoy to the

United Nations, commenting on

President Yeltsin's announcement

that Russia will take the Soviet

Union's seat at the Security Council

(report, December 26), declares that

the other independent republics will

soon apply for membership of the

General Assembly.

Perhaps we should recall that, when the United Nations was

formed in 1945, the Soviet Union

was uniquely granted three seats

(and thus three votes) at the assem-

bly: the second and third are still

occupied by the Ukraine and Belo-

for someone who is not already an

MP, but the Tories have selected as

prospective candidates only five

women for the 52 of these seats

which they hold, and Labour even

The Liberal Democrats in contrast

have selected a woman, Liz Lynne,

for Rochdale, the only seat held by

that party which is not to be contested by the sitting MP.

101a Mortlake High Street, SW14.

North Grange, Langley Park,

Wexham, Buckinghamshire,

fewer, with two out of 20.

Yours faithfully,

SALLY HAMWEE

advanced was that

to be associated with it?

University of Bradford.

From Mr Keith Jeffery

PETER van den DUNGEN.

Department of Peace Studies, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

Yours faithfully,

January 2.

Yours faithfully

KEITH JEFFERY.

Sir, Dr John Rae (letter, December 26), writing as director of the Portman Group (an organisation sponsored by the liquor industry), raises two legitimate questions about the impact of drinking on health.

would be to render Nato incapable of action just when its proven capacities The Avenue, Bushey, Hertfordshire. Sir, Your Moscow correspondent

> Dr Rae's second point relates to whether moderate drinking can protect against heart disease. Expert views on that issue are divided and a categorical pronouncement by the Department of Health would be premature. Even if the answer were in the affirmative, the implications

#### **Drink-driving cases** From Mr Michael A. Guest

Sir, Vide the recent and continuing campaign by the police concerning drinking and driving and the controversy of sentencing of offenders by the Lord Chancellor's magistrates, as highlighted by the Automobile Association (report, January 1), I write concerning a moot and pertinent point and would pose the ouestion: can we in this new year expect the police to use the same efficiency and manpower in apprehending, and those same magistrates in sentencing such members of our society who are not averse to thieving, robbing, brutalising, assaulting and sexually offending against innocent members of soci-

One suspects that the answer

#### Teenagers and jobs From Mrs Edwina Currie, MP for

Sir, Your report, "Teenage job hunters defy blows to career hopes" (December 31), is much too gloomy. The survey for the TSB found that "Of the first generation of 16-yearolds to leave school under John Major, only three out of ten found jobs". Surely, none of them should be leaving school to go straight into jobs. Wisely, they are outnumbered two to one by those staying on at school and college, and those choosing places on proper supervised

education before 18 is regarded as a December 31.

Cheque book deluge From Mrs Carol E. Werrett

Sir, One of my bank's newer services is to issue cheque books directly through the mail. I have 16 cheques left in my present book, and over the past few months have been sent a

Sir, One does not have to be a Eurofanatic to be appalled at the Treasury's apparent stance regarding EC funds to our depressed mining areas (leading article, December 19; letter,

At present we pay many times over for these blighted wastelands and to resist their repair on ideological grounds rurns the dismal science into a form of political primitivism which the Chancellor should also recognise as untenable.

Yours faithfully. John Melvin and Partners (Chartered architects), 15 Highbury Place, N5.

December 28.

All these figures should serve to stimulate the hearing-aid industry into manufacturing a suitable aid costing less than £25 for the Third World. The world-wide sales of such an aid would more than compensate for its low price.

Yours faithfully, NEIL WEIR (Director. Britain-Nepal Otology Service). 2 West Road, Guildford, Surrey. December 24.

#### Advice on safe limits for drinkers for health policies would be prob-

lematic.

From Professor Griffith Edwards

He suggests that the public does not find the advice which it is offered on safe drinking limits to be credible. and he hints that it should be more liberal. My own experience is that most people find the stated limits of 21 units a week for men and 14 units for women easily interpretable, reasonably generous, and widely acceptable. These guidelines repre-sent the best possible interpretation of a substantial body of research, and have the backing of the royal colleges.

> Addiction Research Unit, 4 Windsor Walk, SE5. December 31. might be in the negative. After all. the motorist will invariably pay up when fined and not fight back.

Recommendations could only be

made within the context of the

evidence showing that when a

population increases its per capita

alcohol consumption, there is an

accompanying probability of escala-

tion in many indices of alcohol-

related harm. In general more drink

There is every reason why the

liquor industry and health interests

should try to work more closely

together. With 27 per cent of men

and 8 per cent of women drinking

over safe limits and with 10 per cent

of the work load in my own hospital,

year in and year out, being alcohol-

related, one might, though, doubt

whether attempts to move the safe

drinking goal posts are the most credible exercise in which the liquor

industry should today be engaging.

GRIFFITH EDWARDS,

Institute of Psychiatry.

Yours faithfully,

means more drinking problems.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL A. GUEST. Armitage & Guest (solicitors), 2 King Street. Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

From Mr P. J. Sleep Sir, Driving a motor car having consumed alcohol above the legal limit is, undoubtedly, a serious offence. Are we, though, to conclude from some recent examples of sentencing that it is worse to commit

the offence in December than at any other time of the year? Yours faithfully. P. J. SLEEP.

Nash & Co. (solicitors), 12 Sussex Street, Plymouth, Devon. December 30.

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drop-out. Yet our attitudes are stuck in the 1950s, when most young people longed to leave school at the Derbyshire South (Conservative) earliest opportunity - and expected to end up in dead-end jobs.

training schemes.

In a competitive technological world we need fewer people each year without skills or training or qualifications. In Germany few youngsters expect to be in the job market before the age of 19. In Japan over 90 per cent stay on after school-leaving age (and nearly all do maths until 18). In the USA anyone leaving full-time

"They believe success through hard work", says the report, which pointlessly only interviewed the minority planning to quit the education system altogether. Nearly all this generation aim to own cars and be owner-occupiers, many

anticipate being better off than their parents, and a substantial group want to own and run their own businesses. One day this nation will accept that staying on at school and college. demanding effective training places from employers, and seeking a much higher standard in what is offered by

both, is the best recipe for taking on

the world's best business: and beat-

further two books.

When I telephoned the bank recently to ask if they would kindly not send me any more cheque books until it became obvious that my cheques were getting low, I was told: "I suggest you rip up the spare cheque books if you don't want too many cheques lying around."

Are cheque books now to be considered as "junk mail"? Yours faithfully. CAROL E. WERRETT. 3 Cleavewood Drive, Bideford, North Devon. December 30.

#### **EC regional funds** From Mr John Melvin

December 23).

JOHN MELVIN (Director),

deafness which could be helped by a hearing aid.

The Britain-Nepal Otology Service is currently researching into the characteristics of such an aid and looks forward to co-operating with a major manufacturer in this en-

Yours sincerely, EDWINA CURRIE.

#### Family viewing

From the Chairman of the Christian Broadcasting Council Sir. Why do television producers so

often feel they have a right to broadcast into our homes, at their discretion, material regarded by many as offensive and blasphemous? When we complain they often plead "freedom of expression" and pretend that they have a duty to fill our drawing-rooms with the offensive as well as the entertaining, with pornography as well as the beautiful, with blasphemy as well as the

religious. Against such determination on the part of the producers, the law seems powerless to set standards that will protect the viewing public from these assaults on their sensibilities. I wonder if the time has not now come for the viewing public to begin to insist that the licence fee be devoted exclusively to a family viewing chan-

I have always believed that a family viewing channel on television would attract a major audience, so that other channels would have to follow its example or lose their advertising revenue.

Yours faithfully, JOHN DAVIS, Chairman, The Christian Broadcasting Council, West Hallam, Derbyshire. December 31.

#### London's stalest bun? From Mr John F. Martin

Sir, Mr McCorquodale's reference (letter, December 24) to the splendours of Lancaster House reminds me of when I visited the London Museum, then located there, as a schoolboy before the war. I was greatly impressed by the grandeur of the setting, and indeed of the exhibits; but strangely I can only positively recollect one exhibit - a bun, which was allegedly more than 100 years old.

I wonder what has become of that bun. If still extant, has it yet fully matured? Or merely gone to crumbs? Perhaps this once treasured artefact is currently gathering dust in an anonymous depository, well on its way to a second century.

Yours truly, JOHN F. MARTIN, 57 Tycehurst Hill, Loughton, Essex. December 24.

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# **SOCIAL NEWS**

#### Birthdays today

Brigader Sir John Anstey, former president. National Savings Committee. 85: Mr David Atherton. conductor. 48: Earl Baldwin of Bewdley. 54: Mr John Bamborough, former principal, Linacre College. Oxford. 71: Mr Michael Barratt. broadcaster. 64: Mr Vietor Borge picies. and BIRTHS: Pictro Antonio Metas-Mr Victor Borge, pianist and comedian, 83: Sir Robin Butler, Cabinet Secretary, 54: Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-general, Oftel. 53: Lord Colyton, 90: Mr Fran Couon, rugby player, 44; Sir Alastair Forbes, former president, Court of Appeal, Gibraltar, 84; Mr Richard Hanbury-Tenison, Lord Lieutenant of Gwent, 67; Sir Roy Harding, education consul-tant, 68: Sir Errington Keville. former chairman, General Council of British Shipping, 91: Miss Anya Linden, ballerina, 59: Sir Carol Mather, former MP. 73: Mr Siegmund Nissel. former member. Amadeus Quartet. 70: Sir John Riddell. royal equerry. 58: Miss Eiryls Roberts. former (libb), fashion designer, 1988. deputy director. Consumers' Association. 81; Mr R.R. Steedman. architect. 63: Mr John Thaw, actor. 50; Mr David Vine, sports commentator. 56; Professor T.S. Willan, economic his-

#### **Appointments**

Hearing aid council: Mr R. Evans has been appointed for a term of three years and Mrs M. Lundy has been re-appointed for a further year. Both represent the interests of registered hearing aid dispensers. Miss J. Blount and Mr J. C. Shaw have been reappointed for periods of three years and two years respectively. They represent the interests of those with impaired hearing.

#### Lord Salmon

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Lord Salmon, a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary and pass Treasurer of the Middle Temple, will be held in the Temple Church at 5pm on Wednesday, January 29, 1992.

tasio, poet. Rome, 1698; Robert Whitehead, inventor, Bolton-le-Moors, Lancs, 1823; Clement Attice. Ist Earl Attice, prime minister. 1945-51, London. 1883; Herbert Morrison. Baron Morrison of Lambeth, statesman. London. 1888; James Bridie. pseudonym of Osborne Mavor. dramatist, Glasgow, 1888; J R R Tolkien. scholar and writer. tein. S. Africa, 1892. DEATHS: Josiah Wedgwood, poter, Burslem, Staffs, 1795; "Rachel" (Elisa Felix), actress, Cannes, 1858; William Harrison Ainsworth, historical novelist, Reigate, Surrey, 1882; James Elroy Flecker, poet, Davos, Switzerland, 1915; William Joyce "Lord Haw-Haw"), traitor, exe-cuted, London, 1946: Edwin Muir, writer, Cambridge, 1959; William Elphinstone Glbb (Bill

**Anniversaries** 

#### Reed's School, Cobham, Surrey

Spring Term starts on January 5. with Adrian Blackman continuing as Captain of School and Timothy Watney as Captain of Hockey. The inaugural Andrew Reed Annual Lecture will be given at the School by Lord Judd on January 13. Sixth Form and Continuation Scholarships will be held at the School on January 27. held at the School on January 27 and 28 and 13+ Music and Art Scholarships on February 24. The Confirmation Service will be con-ducted by the Bishop of Dorking on March 20 and term ends on March 21. The Old Reedonian dinner will be held at the School on Friday. March 27.

# University news

Strathclyde Grants

Psychology PSychology
Nall Coggans: £157,977 from the
Portman Group (health education prac-tice for schools).
Niall Coggans: £116,391 from the
Alcohol Education Research Council
(influence of alcohol in aggression).

Mr C.T. Hanbury Tenison and Miss B.H. Hutchison

The engagement is announced between Capel, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Richard Hanbury

Tenison, of Clytha, Abergavenny, and Hannah, eldest daughter of

The engagement is announce

Wern-y-Cwm, Abergavenny,

and Miss M.K. Witney

and Miss S.F. Whyman

Mr J.B. Kerslake

and Miss J. Morris

Mr.J.R. Lane Fox

Exton, Rutland.

Mr T.H. Latimer and Miss M. Oldenkamp

and Miss L.J. Hunter

Mrs J.B. Kerslake, of Hethersett.

The engagement is announced between Thomas Harry, son of Mr and Mrs C.A. Latimer, of

Melion. Suffolk, and Marijke, daughter of the late De Heer

Jacob Oldenkump and of Mevrouw Wilhelmina Knotter, of

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and

Mrs Cyril Newnham, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Siân, only daughter of Mrs Tessa Cobley and stepdaughter of Mr John Cobley, of Blackwood, Gwent.

The engagement is announced between John, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Bruce Ogilvie, of Middleton Moor, Suffolk, and Marianne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Squair, of Middleton Discounter Office Section 1

Melmerby, Ripon, Yorkshire.

Gordon, St Andrews (formerly Bearsden) and the late Mrs Gordon, and John Squire, MSc.

on of Mrs Squire. Gerrards

Cross. Buckinghamshire, and the late Mr R.H. Squire.

Hilversum, the Netherlands. Mr M.A. Newsham

and Mhr. S.K. Ballard

Mr.J.S. Ogilvie and Miss M.P. Squair

Mr M.C. Pearman and Miss C.M. Allen

Mr S. Hanter

# **Forthcoming** marriages

Captain G.T. Baldwin and Miss F.J. Wainwright

The engagement is announced between Captain Gil Baldwin. 1st The Queen's Dragoon Guards. only son of Mrs J.R. Hollebone, of Noss Mayo, Devon, and Sasha. daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Wairrwright. of Glenalmond College, Perth.

Mr H.R.W. Callaway

and Miss H.J. Little The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Group Captain and Mrs A.B. Callaway, of Parmey, Lincoln-shire, and Helen, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P.R. Little, of Borrowash, Derbyshire.

Mr T. Capstick and Miss A.J. Morro

The engagement is announced Timothy, son of the late Donald Capstick and of Margaret Lynskey, of Swallow, Lincolnshire, and Alison. daughter of Desmond and Jean Morse, of Potters Bar, Hertfordshire.

Senhor J.B. de Carvalho and Miss S.J. Jarraga

The engagement is announce between John Bôsco, son of Senhor Geraldo Gomes de Carvalho, of Patos de Minas, MG, Brazil, and the late Senhora Sarah Louise, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Jarman, of

Horsicy, Surrey. Captain W. Coulson and Miss F. Walker

The engagement is announced between William Coulson, Grenadier Guards, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.G. Coulson, of Gilgil. Kenya, and Fiona, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.K. Walker, of Uffington, Oxfordshire.

and Miss A. Pigott

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs J.G. Dearlove, of Needham Market, Suffolk, and Annabel, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T.A.M. Pigott. of Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr T.J. Elder

The engagement is announced between Jake, only son of Mrs Joan Elder and the late Mr William Elder of Berwick-upon-Tweed, and Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Mrs Margaret Hudspeth and the late Mr John Hudspeth, of Hadston Farm.

Morpeth, Northumberland. Mr T.R. Emlyn Jones

The engagement is announced between Thomas, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.H. Emlyn Jones, of lvinghoe, Buckinghamshire, and Caroline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Cotton, of

Henley-on-Thames. Mr S.R. Fleming and Miss P.G. Barwell

The engagement is announced between Mark Chalice, only son of Mrs Anne Pearman and the late Mr James Pearman, of East Ilsley, Berkshire, and Michele, elder daughter of Mr Robert Allen, of Bramhall, Cheshire, and The engagement is announced between Stephen Robert, elder between Stephen Robert, Eider son of Mr and Mrs Robert Fleming, of Weybridge, Surrey, and Philippa Grosvenor, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Raymond Barwell, of Weybridge, Mrs Jacqueline Reid, of Linle Hayfield, Derbyshire. Mr J.M. Squire and Dr H.K. Gordon The engagement is announced between Helen Gordon, MRCCIG, daughter of Dr WJ.

Mr F.H. Frank

nd Miss J.S. Coulson The engagement is announced between Frederick Herman, only son of Mr Lloyd and Professor Beatrice Frank, of New York City. and Jacqueline Sara, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Colin Coulson, of Fulham. London.

Mr R.I. Graham-Bryce and Mile A.D. Candusse The engagement is announced of Rubert Ian, son of Dr and Mrs

Mr N.E.J. Vincall and Miss K.P. Jenkins The engagement is announced between Nicholas elder son of Mr and Mrs AJ.P. Vincall of lan Graham-Bryce, of Rye, and The Hague, and Agnès Dolorette, (iuitaford, Surrey, and Katherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.D. Jenkins, also of daughter of Mme Dolorette Francien, of Grenoble.

#### **OBITUARIES**

# RAYMOND GUEST

Raymond Guest, former American ambassador to Ireland and winning Derby and Grand National owner, died at Fredericksburg, Virginia. on December 31 aged 84. He was born on November 25.

RAYMOND Guest was only the second owner in Turf history to be successful in the Derby, National and Chel-tenham Gold Cup. He was also a highly successful breed-er in the United States and, as the son of a British MP and an American mother, had the sort of connections that undoubtedly helped his appointment by Lyndon Johnson as ambassador in Dublin.

His best horse on the Flat in this country was Sir Ivor, who won the Two Thousand Guineas, Derby and Champion Stakes. Guest's victory with Sir Ivor in the 1968 Derby was owed largely to the inspiration and timing of Lester Piggott in the saddle. His Irish trainer, Vincent O'Brien, considered that the colt might only just last out a mile and a half. This was a theory which was amply proved cor-rect a month later in the Irish Derby. The stable jockey, Liam Ward, had claimed the ride on his home ground, so Piggott rode Ribero, who appeared to have no chance whatsoever on form. However, on the Curragh track, which is less amenable than Epsom to a late finishing burst, Sir Ivor failed by two

lengths to beat Ribero. In the Derby itself, Piggott had been able to conserve Sir Ivor's devastating finishing speed and, after making ground steadily, produced him in breathtaking style in the final furlong for a mo-



mentous victory. Guest's other Derby success, with Larkspur, six years earlier, was a somewhat luckier affair. Larkspur was a 22-1 outsider and it is highly unlikely that he would have won had it not been for the disaster which occurred on the steep descent to Tattenham Corner. To this day no-one knows the initial

hill there was a pile-up resulting in no fewer than seven horses falling over one another, including the favourite Hethersett. It was not a Derby winner, however, but an outstanding chaser which in terms of popularity outshone all other horses carrying Guest's chocolate and blue hooped colours. This was L'Escargot, who won him a total of 13 races including the cause, but halfway down the

Cheltenham Gold Cup in 1970 and 1971 as well as the 1975 Grand National when he finally defeated the nation's favourite, Red Rum. after twice being placed behind him at Aintree.

Raymond Richard Guest was a son of Captain Freddie Guest, MP, a member of the Welsh steel family, who served in politics under Lloyd George, and who was a younger son of the first Lord Wimborne. His American mother was the former Amy Phipps whose Pittsburgh family had strong connec-tions with racing in the US.

He was educated at Yale and took American citizenship on coming of age. Dur-ing the second world war he was in the US Navy, serving with distinction in minesweepers and minelayers. Af-terwards, he was head of the US Office of Strategic Services's naval section in London and assistant to the American ambassador.

From 1947 to 1953 he was a member of the Virginia state senate and in 1965 came his appointment as ambassador to Ireland where he proved outstandingly popular during his four years of office.

As a trainer Guest bred Tom Rolfe, who was champion three-year-old in America in 1965 and winner of the Preakness Stakes. Guest also had farming and business interests in America, and in this country was appointed

He was three times married, thirdly in 1960 to Princess Caroline Murat. There were a son and two daughters of his first marriage, and a son and daughter of the third.

# GEN RICHARD STILWELL

General Richard Giles Stilwell, commander of the Uni-ted Nations Force in Korea from 1973 to 1976, died on December 18 aged 74. He was born on February 24,

GENERAL Richard Stilwell. who was no relation of Vinegar Joe Stilwell of China and Burms fame in the second world war, briefly came to world public attention in August 1976 when two Ameri-can officers were killed by North Korean guards in the demilitarised zone between North and South Korea. He was the United Nations force commander in Korea at the time, and it was his firm handling of the incident that helped to prevent a renewed outbreak of hostilities.

Stilwell was born in Buffalo, the son of William Giles Stilwell and graduated from West Point in 1938 as an infantryman. He served in north-west Europe during the second world war as chief of operations in the 90th US Division; and at the end of the war became assistant military adviser to the secretary of state, and then, in 1947 special military adviser to the US ambassador in Rome. 1947. Thereafter he held a number of Central Intelligence Agency posts until he commanded the 15th Infantry Regiment in the Korean

War, 1952-53. After instructing at the Army War College, 1954-56, he became chief of strategic planning at Supreme Head-quarters Allied Powers Europe for two years before commanding the US West-ern Area of Germany in 1958. After instructing again, this time at West Point, he started to make his

name during his first tour in Vietnam, 1963-65, as chief of staff to General Westmoreland. Returning to the US in 1967, he was given com-mand of the 1st US Armoured Division at Fort Hood. In his second sour in Vietnam, he was command-ing general of the 3rd Marine Amphibious Force and of the XXIV Army Corps holding the two northern provinces of South Vietnam, 1968-69 when Richard Nixon and Henry Kissinger were trying

to disengage with honour.
In 1972 he was given command of the US Sixth Army, based in San Francisco. He was promoted to four-star rank in the following year and appointed to head United Nations Command South Korea, which included the 600,000-strong South Korean Army as well as the 8th US

Army.

He retired in 1976, but in 1981 was recalled by Ronald Reagan to be deputy under secretary of defence for policy, a post which he held until 1985. He married Alice Kay Simpson in 1938. They had two sons and three daughters.



# DORA GORDINE

Dora Gordine (the Hon Mrs Richard Hare), sculptress, died on December 29 aged 85. She was born on April 13, 1906.

Mr and Mrs Alan Hutchison, of DORA Gordine was a sculptress of natural, untrained talent who created some of the most spiritual and engaging heads of modern times particularly from oriental between Sieven, younger son of Mr and Mrs F. Hunter, of models - and then went on to fulfil a series of public and Karyn, younger daughter of Professor and Mrs B.D. Witney, of South Barnton Avenue, the world: she was a truly international artist.

Dora Gordine - as she

spelt her name in its Russian

pronunciation - was born in St Petersburg in 1906 of a Scots father, Mark Gordin. The engagement is announced between Henry, son of Mr and and a Russian mother. She Mrs E.F. Inman, of Scotton, Knaresborough, and Sarah. acquired her perseverance from her father's character daughter of Mr and Mrs F.H. and her enthusiasm and exu-Whyman, of Aston on Trent. berance from her mother, she said. Until the age of 16 she studied music, primarily the piano, in St Petersburg and The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Paris. She became interested in dance and also began to experiment by herself in wood carving. In 1925 she re-Norfolk, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.L. Morris, of Acton Burnell Shropshire. turned to Paris with the intention of studying at an art school, but a chance meeting The engagement is announced between James, second son of Mr with the sculptor Aristide Maillol dissuaded her. He and Mrs G.F. Lane Fox, of Bramham Park West Yorkshire. and Lucy, daughter of Mr and Mrs A.M. Hunter, of Horn Mill. called her a "living sculpture" herself, and told her that she already knew all that an art

school might teach her and

that she should work alone.



Within a year she had develoned as a modeller in clay for bronze sculpture and exhibited at the Salon des Tuileries. Her first sale was to Dr Widner, a famous Swiss col-lector of sculpture. Her first London exhibition was held at the Leicester Galleries in

1928, the first of five exhibitions there over the years to 1949. It was a notable success, with Samuel Courtauld buying a cast of her Mongolian Head for anonymous presentation to the Tate Gallery, and the Colonial Office - in what was said to be an unprecedented step - buying a Torse for University College. Gold Coast. An exhibition in Berlin at the Flechtheim Gallery followed

Dora Gordine had followed the example of Maillol whom she saw frequently during two years in Paris — in preferring the full, rounded, swelling and organic form in sculpture. Five years in Sin-gapore from 1930 to 1935 provided her with a range of Oriental models whose heads suited her style; with these she was commissioned to decorate the interior of Singa-pore's new Town Hall. The te Gallery owns two orien-

and Malay Sultana of 1933. On her return to Britain, marriage in 1936 made her a British subject, and she built a studio and sculpture gallery in Kingston Vale to her own design. Visitors were required to remove their outdoor shoes to preserve the fine mahogany floor.

tal heads from this period:

Javanese Head of 1929-33

Exhibiting with the Royal Society of British Sculptors and with the Royal Academy every year from 1937 to 1960, Dora Gordine showed that she could deal with the more angular European head in a number of portrait heads which include George Eumorfopoulos, Freya Stark, Carol Reed, Emlyn Williams, Beryl Grey, Sir Kenneth Clark and Sir John Pope-Hennessy. She became an expert in colouring and patinating her bronzes.

A year in America in 1947

combined lecturing on art and executing commissions in Hollywood, punctuated by rapid sketching during business meetings or waiting in the offices of secretaries. She returned to America on a visit in 1959. Her art, which had been mainly portrait busts and single figures, was ex-terided by public commissions.

Her works are in the Royal Institute of British Architects; the Senate House of London University: Westminster Infant Welfare Centre, the Maternity Ward in Holloway Prison; the Royal Marsden Hospital, Surrey: Herron Museum of Art, Indianopolis; and the Esso refinery, Milford Haven — where she proved, in a vigorous relief sculpture in 1961 of men working, that she could handle group sculpture.

But Dora Gordine is most likely to be remembered by the spiritual serenity and philosophic nature of her unique Oriental heads. The exhibition in 1986, "Sculpture Between the Wars", at the Fine Art Society, where three of these heads were displayed, brought her back to public and critical attention.

Dora Gordine married in 1936 the Hon Richard Hare, who died in 1966. There were no children of the marriage.

# **COL MARTIN GRAFTON**

Colonel Martin Grafton, CBE, TD, director-general of the National Federation of Building Trades Employers, 1964-79, died on December 21 aged 83 after a long illness. He was born on October 11, 1908.

MARTIN Grafton was a Pied Piper of a man; people followed him and loved him. His tall, commanding presence, coupled with charm and fluency in expression, made him a formidable figure, but he eschewed nomposity and in three successful careers never lost the capacity to enjoy the human comedy.

After school at Bromsgrove, he joined the Royal Engineers in 1940. He was promoted to captain in 1943 and was appointed MBE in 1944 after service in northwest Europe and Normandy.
On leaving the army in 1946
he began 20 years of service
with the Territorials, earning a TD in 1958, and was pro-

moted to full colonel in 1964. His first civilian job was with the John Lewis Partnership, which he joined in 1948. By 1951 he was general manager of Peter Jones, and after a spell as director of building of the partnership became a managing director

In 1964 Grafton was ap-

(now the Building Employers' Confederation) in succession to Sir Peter Trench. He ably carried on his work of extending the federation's influence at a time when hospitals, schools, offices and houses were all being built in large numbers. Harold Wilson had predicted - "not a promise of 500,000 houses in a single year. This number was never achieved but the annual production in Grafton's 15 years was over 350,000, nearly twice the total expected for 1992. In this busy scene Grafton was always at home, whether dealing with cabinet ministers, small builders or captains of industry. He was for many years a member of the National Consultative Council for Building and Civ-il Engineering, Building Economic Development Comm-

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ittee and the CBI council. Despite his many jobs he found time to help his staff and his door was always open to the most junior. In 1976 he

was appointed CBE.
In his retirement, Grafton enjoyed travel and music. though he was not gifted in it like his great uncle. Edward Elgar. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

#### Archaeology

# Wealth of Roman Africa uncovered

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology correspondent 1979, but interrupted in the evidence indicated that a

A JOINT British-Libyan archaeological team has completed an extensive survey of Roman remains on the northern fringes of the Sahara. Its evidence shows that the "pre-desert" region was a flourishing agricultural area during the Roman Empire when there was sufficient economic demand for corn and olive oil.

The survey, supported by Unesco and directed by Professors Graeme Barker of Leicester University and Barri Jones of Manchester

EVIDENCE of industrialscale manufacture of salt at Droitwich in early Saxon times runs counter to the usual interpretation of the Dark Ages as a time of economic recession. Recent excavations have shown that the Roman salt industry continued un-abated for centuries (Norman

Hammond writes). Droitwich, in Hereford and Worcester, was known to the Romans as Salinae, "the saltworks", and its strong brine springs yielded over a kilogram (about 2.5lb) of salt per gallon. The largest brine pit, known as the Upwich Pit, was rediscovered a few years ago and shown to have been

late 1980s when diplomatic relations with Libya were broken. The work was completed in 1989 and has now been reported in Libyan Studies. The British team was assigned to the two great wadi

systems of the Sofeggin and Zemzem, now dry valleys running north-east through Tri-politania to the Mediterranean coast. Vegetation is rare today in this limestone plateau, and numerous sites were located by satellite and University, was begun in surface exploration. "Our

in use since the Iron Age.

Roman timber buildings

were also found, with a near-

by house perhaps belonging to the overseer of the

The "big surprise", according to Derek Hurst of the county council's archaeology

section, was in the post-

Roman deposits, where a set of ten brine-boiling hearths was found. The hearths were

set in shallow trenches lined

with stone blocks and were

early fifth to early seventh

centuries, and the pottery

present corroborated this ear-

ly Saxon date. Fragments of

Charcoal gave dates in the

about 2 metres long.

Bedouin-style pastoralist population was living in the predesert from perhaps 6,000-5,000 BC," the team reports, "In the first century BC, how-ever, the area underwent an extraordinary transformation in settlement forms and land

Local elites turned to producing an agricultural sur-plus for the markets of Roman north Africa, with the

development of major villa farms like those closer to the coast, the researchers say. Salt works shed light on Dark Ages

> lead suggested that the brine was boiled in metal pans which sometimes melted. The Upwich brine pit was probably the magnus puteus

or "great well" mentioned in though the Saxon hearths were buried under flood deposits at that time the pit continued to be used into the Middle Ages. The timber shaft was rebuilt in 1264-65. involving excavation of a construction pit some 14 metres (45ft) wide and 10 metres deep. The local indsutry continued to prosper into the

19th century. Source: Current Archaeology 126: 252-5

Many had pressing equip-ment for oil and wine. They were undefended and the old idea of a belt of fortified farms protecting the coastal zone against encroachment from Saharan nomads must be

discarded. The agricultural system was maintained by sophisti-cated methods of floodwater farming designed to concenrestricted cultivated land of the wadi floor. One farm studied in detail, in the Wadi el-Amud, had a series of sluices to direct water, and botanical remains show that barley was the principal crop, together with wheat, lentils, water melons and tree crops such as olives, figs and dates.

The team says: "There seems little doubt that these farms were substantial enterprises capable of producing oil and wine in surplus for the coastal markets." Animal husbandry for meat was not important, because stock would have competed for the same fields as crops: wild species such as gazelle and antelope were hunted 1855.

instead. At one site, Souk el-Awty on Wadi Buzra, a Late Roman church of around AD 450 was excavated. Source: Libyan Studies 22:31-80.

# Rare organ needs £75,000 for repairs

BY JOHN YOUNG

A CHURCH in Spitalfields. east London, is seeking at least £75,000 to restore its early Victorian organ, one of the few in the world to have survived in situ in its original condition. The instrument in St

Anne's Church was built in 1857 by the London firm of Bishop and Starr for £600. It has suffered badly from war damage, neglect and vandal-ism. Many of the pipes have been destroyed and parts of it are covered in thick dust, but it is still capable of producing a glorious full-throated

The church itself, though little known, is a Gothic gem, designed by Gilbert Blount, a disciple of Pugin, although the interior is less forbidding, than many buildings of its era. It was built for the Roman Catholic Marist Fathers, who had established a mission to serve the needs of the thousands of Irish immi-grants who settled in the East End during the middle of the last century, and was opened by Cardinal Wiseman in

Blount's original plans inchided transepts and a spire which were never completed through lack of funds. One of the stained glass windows depicts St Anne holding a mod-el of the original design. The

sanctuary and side chapels were finally completed in 1894, and the chancel was decorated by Joseph Aloysius Pipper. Sadly his brilliant colours were painted over in yellow emulsion during the 1960s, but Heritage of London has given £5,000 to-

wards their restoration. Father Brian Ventham, the present parish priest, openly laments what was perpetrated in the name of modernisation, which he describes as desecration. The rose window above the organ was a victim of the Blitz, but the removal of the sanctuary lamp and the altar rails, and the obliteration of Pipper's decorations, were dreadful mistakes, he says. Fortunately the splendid high altar, of white Carrara marble, consecrated on St. Patrick's day in 1801, has survived intact.

Paul Weaver, the newly ap-pointed director of music. says that the organ restoration is part of a general musical revival and a return to traditional forms of service. When guitars and bongo drums, were allowed to invade the church in the wake of the Second Varican Council, congregations dropped to a low point of about 50, but had since increased to an average of more than 200 on Sunday mornings, he said.





Under threat: Wigan council says it cannot afford to renovate its 19th century town hall while services are being cut

# Conservationists seek reprieve for town hall

By MARCUS BINNEY, ARCHITECTURE CORRESPONDENT

WIGAN council is under attack from conservation groups for seek-ing to demolish its listed Victorian

"It's outrageous. The building is sound and they haven't begun to muster a decent case." Matthew Saunders, of the Ancient Monu-

ment Society, said.

The council has restored Wigan Mining and Technical College to create a new town hall, work which has been much praised according to officials. Councillor Peter Smith, council leader, said: "Wigan has a proud record in historic buildings conservation. Bodies like the Victorian Society appear quite unaware of the facts. We don't relish this difficult decision but their criticism would be better directed at Michael Heseltine who recently refused a City Grant to a developer who wanted to save the building.
"If Mr Heseltine's department

won't even grant-aid the private sector to re-use this building then he can hardly expect the council to fight."

stump up the money when he's forcing us to cut back essential ser-

The council is concerned the building is in danger of becoming a derelict eyesore which will spoil the look of the town, A council spokes-man added: "Even if the building is demolished, the stained glass windows and woodwork on the old

council chamber will be preserved."

The town hall was built in 1866-67 to the designs of the local archi-tects Nuttall and Cook in an Italianate style. Sir Nikolaus Pevs-ner's cutting verdict on the building. "not worth a line"; however, was hardly calculated to encourage civic pride and councillors were amazed when the building was listed late in

Mr Saunders said: "Pevsner's team could not have been inside the building. If the council decide to press the application for demolition Mr Heseltine will be bound to call an enquiry which we will certainly

# Agents find few buyers for estates in Scotland

BY KERRY GILL

THE demand for sporting estates and country houses in Scotland has fallen considerably over the past six months with little sign that the market is about to recover, according to Strutt and Parker, the estate

In his annual review Andrew Rettie, of the firm's Edinburgh office, said the farm sector had remained buoyant with holdings still selling well all over Scotland. "Interest rate cuts do not really affect the type of property we deal with. It is confidence in the economy and the political situation, together with a revitalisation of the English market. which are the crucial factors." he

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market, those sensibly priced were selling. Prices for country properties peaked during 1989-90 and only began to fall back in the second half of last year. He said that the most important thing for the property market was to get the general elec-tion out of the way. "Until the dust settles I think people will be wary of committing themselves to any deals," he added.

"It is difficult to predict the longerterm but by 1995 we should have a

"I believe that in 1992 we may well see a greater level of investment in Scottish properties as Scotland is still regarded as one of the last places in Europe in which large areas of natural wilderness can be bought and sold," said Mr Rettie.

Mr Rettie said that although there were many unsold properties on the

ON THIS DAY 1905

The danger of small children being suffocated when sharing their parents' bed has always been a potential hazard, particularly if the grown-ups are having a weekend lie-in. Dr Henry Willson, no doubt realising that the money to buy a cot might not be available, suggested that one could fairly easily be knocked up from an egg box.

> **DEATHS FROM** OVERLYING OF CHILDREN TO THE EDITOR

OF THE TIMES - Having practised in a crowded London neighbourhood during 20 years, I can add my testimony to the truth of the statements of the Rev. Benjamin Waugh, and the coroner for

Nottingham. My experience caused me to make quite different conclusions to those of the coroner for Westminster. Medical witnesses and juries have every desire to be true to their oaths, and, if any bias exists, it is generally in favour of the "person in

If Mr. Troutbeck's opinion be correct, how is it that the great majority of these deaths are discovered on Sunday mornings? Healthy children do not as a rule die suddenly from natural causes, and delicate infants generally exhibit some signs of impending death, and do not die under the bedclothes with all the external and internal appear-

ances of suffocation. The term "overlaid" may not always be absolutely correct, alow suffocation ensuing from the infant being buried under heavy bedcoverings between its parents or close to one of them.

I could relate many incidents and cases which prove my statements, but their recital would scarcely suit your columns.

I agree with the coroner for Nottingham, that only a proportion of these cases is due to intemperance. "Rest to the labouring man is sweet," and his shumber is heavy. South London.

and I have known a case where the perents were undoubtedly total bstainers, but the great majority of these deaths occur among the drunken and degraded. As long as small children sleep in bed with their parents, a proportion will be

I conclude with a suggestion. All who have influence with the poor should recommend the use of a cheep cot which can be made by any amateur from an egg-case. A box about 35 inches by 18 inches, and 12 inches in depth, is fitted with two outside legs, the inside being adjusted to the side of the parents' bedstand by iron or wooden angles, or by battens inserted under the bedding. These could be made and supplied at a trifling cost.

HENRY WILSON, M.D. J.P. Weybridge, Dec. 23.

TO THE EDITOR

OF THE TIMES Sir, - In a letter inserted in The Times. Coroner Troutbeck has thought fit, under cover of a reply to the Rev. Benjamin Waugh's letter in reference to "Deaths from Overlying of Children", to deliver an mreasonable attack on the medical men of his district, comprising "Westminster, Lambeth, Battersea, and Wandsworth", on whom he is almost entirely dependent for data

in discharging his duties. He charges the "medical practi-tioner" with inability to distinguish, in the case of "children found dead in bed with their parents, whether they have died perfectly natural deaths"; and he adds that, in giving evidence, "the confidence of the medical practitioner, that the death was due to overlying, is in direct proportion to his lack of knowledge and experience in

pathology". In the face of this statement, either proofs should be adduced to show that Coroner Troutbeck has stated facts "soberly judged", and that they contain "warrant for the accusation of wholesale" ignorance on the part of a trusted and eminently useful class of the community, or, failing this, that the offensive and unjust charge should be withdrawn.

Your obedient servant. M.D. Anyone who destroys God's Temple will himself be destroyed by God, because the temple of God is hob; and you are that Temple. I Corinthlans 3:17 (REB)

ALLINGTON - On December 30th 1991, at Quidford, to Caroline rose Wickham) and COOPER - On December 30th suddenly in Harrogate District Hospidal, William Lesile, aged 66 years, of Kirk Deighton and Houston & Cooper, Malton. A very dear husband. Suther and grandfather, Funeral Service at 2 pm. Monday January

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FINCH - On December 30th
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Susan. Service at West
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Royal Society of British Sculptors.

MARKER - On January 1st 1992, peacefully in hospital. Matthew, beloved husband of Ann, and faither of Jamie and Simon, Private funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Priday January 10th at 11.30am. No flowers please but donations. If desired, to the Royal Green Jackets Officers Fund c/o 56. Davies Street, W1.

Officers Fund c/o 56. Davies Street, Wi. HEGARTY - On December 27th 1991, peacefully in hospital, Louise Hegarty inte Contan). Josed 36 years. Requiem Mass at St. Mary's. Chorley. Lancashire. at 12 noon. On Friday January 3rd.

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THURLOW - On Sunday December 29th, at the Portand Hospital. to Louise Official Edwardson) and Nicholas, but a sons Mandrollan twin tons Maximillar Charles and Edward James

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and David, a son. Luke
Christopher Hogan.

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DORRELL On January 2nd, peacefully at Bexhill, Lily aged 81. Cremation at Hastings on Friday, January 10th at 20m.

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MAXIFY - On December 30th, peacefully at American Hospital, Vera Alice, aged 78 years. Betoved wife of George, mother of David, grandmother of Nigel, will be sadily missed by all the family. Puneral Service at St. Margaret's Church, Tylers Creen, High Wycombe, at 12 noon. Flowers to David Silvey & Son, Westbourne St. High Wycombe or donations to Wycombe Gean Appeal.

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THE REVENGENCE COMEDIES Alan Aychopum's ambitious, two-part comedy centred on the meeting of an incongruous pair (Griff Rhys Jones and La Williams). Less fun than one might hope, but worth the time.

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THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN: Arthur Millor a disappointingly one-aded play where Tom Conti ergues the case for bigarry. Wyndham's, Chering Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm, 160mms.

D A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Set, 5.30pm and 8.30pm, met Wed, 2.30pm.

# WEEKEND EVENTS

tomorrow, 7.30pm, sout temorrow, 2.30pm.

THE ROYAL BALLET! Over at Coverit Garden, the Royal Bellet continues with The Nutcracker. The version, produced by Peter Winght, has plenty of special effects and easily conjures up apacial effects and assay conjures up the magical world of loy soldiers and of the Sugar Plum Fairy, even if Julia Trevelyan Omen's Bladermeier period designs are a touch heavy in the second act. Tonight Dancy Bussell and Zoltan Solymosi take the leading roles, and tomorrow, Lealey Collier and Irek Mushammedov. Mukhamedov Royal Opera House, Coveni Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1086), tenight, temerrow, 7.30pm.

TURANDOT AT WEMBLEY: Edward Downes conducts the Royal Opera and Royal Ballet Simfords in a superior areas-sized production of Puccare's lest opera, Turandot London Contemporary Dance Theatre is providing the dance element, worlding with choreographer Kate Flett. The company includes Grace Burnbry, Ghene Dimitrove, Huth Falcon, Gwyneth Jones, Demis O'Nell, Judith Howarth, Willard White; designs by Sally Jacobs; Andrei Serban directs. Wersidey Arena, Middlesses (IET-900 1234), conight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat formation, 2.30pm. company rounds off its residency at Sedler's Wells with performances of its full-motio bessit Phones and Aller, set to Prokofley's score, and with

Symphony. Music Hall, Aberdeen (0224 641122), Sun, 3.30pm

NATIONAL YOUTH ORCHESTRA OF SCOTLAND: Percussionist Evelyn Diamile features at a New Year concent by the NYO of Scotland under conductor Takuo Yussa. The

programme begins with Roseni's overture, The Tribuding Maggine, tollowed by Jolivet's Percussion Concerto, and ends with Mahler's Fifth

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 THE PEOPLE UNDER THE STAIRS (18): Ghotto burgiers panetred their avil landlord's house. Lively mix of herror, Grimm fally story, and social lable from director Wes Craven. Starring Brandon Adams, Everett McGill, Wendy Robie. Cennon Fulham Roed (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071

RIGOLETTO (PG): Pewerotal hits the high notes, but Jean-Plante Ponnelle's film of Verd's opera remains resolvaish stagebourd. Made for television in 1963. With Ingver Wheel, Edits. Gruberova, and Recordo Chelly conducting the Vianna Philitermonic. Berbican (071-638 8991).

BURURBAN COMMANDO (PG): SUBLIFISAN COMMANDO (PG): Insee, juverile action burineque, with necessing star Hulk Hogan as a galactic warner at large in suburble. Starring Christopher Lloyd, Sheffey Oursell; Grector, Burt Kennedy (071-830 0631) Odeons: Kensington (0428 914668) Mezzanine (0428 915683) West End (0426 915574) Whiteleys (071-792 3382)

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TRUE LOVE (15): Revouriul, unsentmental portrait of a young Bronx couple on the verge of marriage. With Annabella Sciorra (her first film), Ron n Haymarket (071-839 1527)

# CI THE SEA: Judi Dench splendid as the vitege grande-dame in revival of Edward Bond's "comedy" of rage and medines:. National (Lytation), South Bank, Sct (071-928 2252), Tanght, tamarow, 7.30pm, met lamorow, 2.16pm.

M TARTUFFE: Paul Eddingto Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Men-Set, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Set, 3pm, 120mins.

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TROILUS AND CRESSIDA: Top-quality version by Sam Mandes of the land's caustic vision of lowe and way. The Ptt, Barbican, Sik, Street, EC2 (071-639 8991). Today, 7.30pm, row, 2pm and 7.30pm. 210mins

8111). Fortune (071-836 2238).

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conducts two concerts with the NYO, following ten days under the direction. For both concerts the programme comprises works by Bertok (The Airsculous Mandarin), Sibelius (Third Symphony), Vaughan Williams (Oboc Concerto, with soldst Ruth Bolister) and Respighl (The Pinas of Riame). Town Hall, Leeds (0532 475962/455505), tomorrow, 7:30pm. City Hall, Newcastle (091-281 2608), Sun, 3pm.

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Anna Levkorws joins the Borodin
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the group's second year as the
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programme of works by Asterican
composers including Reich's Clapping
Music and Bernsten's Latin Choruses
from The Lark; directed by Herry
Christophers Christophers Snape Maltings, Suffolk (0726 458543), tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm.

YALE UNIVERSITY CONCERT' BAND: This fresh-taced wind group visits the capital with a highly varied programme conducted by Thomas Duty which includes a Hindemith Symphony and such rousing numbers to Vaughen Willeme's Toccate Marziale and Fucik's Entry of the Gledintors.

St John's, Smith Square, London SW1 (071-222 1061), tomorrow, 7.30pm

A little pot of message

#### THEATRE

The Travels of Yoshi and the Tea-Kettle Polka, Wimbledon

FOR what must surely be the last fling of the Japan Festival the barn-like interior of this theatre has been transformed into a Japanese hall. Red devices hang on the walls, red and gold curlicues decorate the rafters; dumps of bamboo are massed at the sides of the stage and the backcloth is painted with a well-known wave. When the scene shifts to a storm at sea, a snowy mountain slope and the interior of a volcano, these settings are indicated in the traditional manner by fluttering lengths of blue, white or red silk.

However, the story of this "fairy-tale adventure, for everyone from six to adult," is by Lynne Reid Banks, which means that, while there are authentic touches, what we have is more Japanesque than Japanese. How much her contribution alters some original fable is anyone's guess; mine is that when facts are being explained the Western mind pushes through. This occurs most obviously in the first half when the story is being set up and the main characters are brought together.
The format, common to many

cultures, is the one where oddly assorted characters join forces to rid the land of an evil by locating a magic plant. The characters are the young daughter of a samurai who had wanted a son, a monk-poet and a very minor god who opts for montality. This lovably strange creature was born without bones and when first seen wriggles around on the stage like a white stug or Edward Lear's drawing of his Pobble who has no toes. Down on earth he becomes a



David K.S Tse as the Badger Tea-Kettle: an engaging blend of gentle naughtiness and nervous bravery

Badger Tea-Kettle, the logic being that since he was born without bones he can only be given a shell. He makes a splendid foil to Nancy McClean's Yoshi, and David K. S. Tse gives him a gentle naughtiness and nervous bravery. In times of danger he shrinks into his kettle and pulls the lid down on top of himself. I liked him a lot. The quest for the flower, which is needed to defeat the fearsomely

armoured figure of Plague, is impeded by a snappy bird, a rod puppet manipulated by Elizabeth Fost. But for the very young some of the sentences must be quite hard to follow; and it is tiresomely pedantic of the poet to insist that a true haiku has no more than 17 syllables. As the Tea-Kettle sensibly says, "What's a syllabubble?"

Vicky Ireland builds the pace of the

second half to the stirring climax inside the volcano and, earlier, creates a rainbow bridge from a thin plane of light spreading colours towards the audience on a bank of smoke. Effects like this are wonderful and the shows at this theatre often provide them. But the production team's liking for prosy dialogue should be resisted.

#### JEREMY KINGSTON

# CONCERT

Bolshoi SO/Lazarev Symphony Hall, Birmingham

ONE of Borls Yeltsin's strategies for earning foreign currency is perhaps to put all his musicians out on more or less permanent loan. The St Petersburg Philharmonic, who were here six weeks ago, will be back in Birmingham in November for a complete Tchaikovsky symphony cy-cle; next month the Moscow State Symphony will be giving a couple of

concerts. Meanwhile another Muscovite orchestra, the Bolshoi Symphony, is here for a triptych of Rachmaninov concerts, which began on Wednesday with three works riven by the ."Dies irae" melody: the Paganini Rhapsody, the Symphonic Dances and The Isle of the Dead.

What we heard was an orchestra less stamped with national character than the St Petersburg ensemble: the brass were forceful and straight, the woodwind clear-toned. But still there was plenty of Russian expansiveness and bass strength in the strings, who had the full measure of this hall in their range from superfine pianis-simos to breasting outbursts. Splendid, too, was the way the orchestra worked so well with its conductor, Alexander Lazarev, swirling together in marvellously rich, complex blendings in the last of the Symphonic Dances, and recalling here the similar opaline music of The Isle of the Dead, which had been performed with imposing solemnity and sumptuousness.

The soloist in the Paganini Rhapsody was Dmitri Alexeev, who may have lacked something in sheer weight for this piece (once or twice he faded under the orchestra), but who more than compensated with immediacy, attention and a prodigious range of virtuoso skills. Some of the

early variations, with their caustic attacks picking out the notes of the theme, suggested that Rachmaninov was not so far distant from Prokoliev. Some of the later ones were done at a speed defying belief. Maybe there was still some corniness in the big slow outpourings, and maybe Alexeev's stamina flagged a bit just before the end, but this was an astonishing performance, well worthy of a remarkable occasion. The last of these concerts follows tonight, when Nikolay Dernidenko will play the Third Piano Concerto before the Third Symphony.

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# RECORDS

Gounod: Faust **Toulouse Capitole** Orch/Plasson Charpentier: Louise Raugel Orch/Bigot J.Strauss: Die Fledermaus Vienna Phil/Previn

AT TIMES over the last few years it has seemed that Michel Plasson and his orchestra from Toulouse have kept the flag of French opera on record flying almost single handedly. Certainly their joint names on the EMI label have been a guarantee of quality. Now, with Faust (EMI CDS 54228 2; 3 CDs), quality turns into outright excellence.

In the past Plasson has tended to prefer French singers for his recordings. But in Faust he turns to the new generation of American stars for the supporting roles go to native singers, among whom Martine Mahe is outstanding as Siebel. There is, though, one fine patriotic gesture: the French Army Chorus, in strong military voice, is brought in for

good and the tempted: Cheryl Studer (Marguérite). Richard Leech (Faust) and Thomas Hampson (Valentin). A Belgian, José van Dam, represents evil as Mephistopheles. Only the

Gounod's marching songs.
Richard Leech is ideally cast in the title role, with his tenor putting on a



Ladies' Night in Vienna: Kiri Te Kanawa and Brigitte Fassbaender

especially persuasive in the Garden Scene from the opening cavatina through to the wooing of Marguerite in Gounod's voluptuous "O nuit d'amour". Plasson takes this section extremely slowly, delighting in every sentimental moment. And why not?

notes in the Jewel Song which suggest that coloratura roles may not now be for her. But she handles the first coy meeting at the kermesse deliciously and gets better and better as Marguérite's troubles pile up.

With Thomas Hampson exuding



youthful sheen as soon as Faust strips off his philosopher's clothes. He is Cheryl Studer has a few pinched



pious patriotism as Valentin and Jose

van Dam never overdoing things as the Devil, this new Faust marches straight to the forefront of available recordings. Four numbers cut by Gounod (rightly) are included as an appendix, as is the ballet music, excellently conducted by Plasson. Spare a thought, though, for Decca's recent reissue at mid-price (421 240-2, 3 CDs) of the Sutherland/Bonynge Faust. The French is generally of an appalling standard, but there are two great performances from Robert Massard as Valentin and Franco Corelli in the title role. Faust was not a regular Corelli part in the theatre, but

on record he took some beating until Leech came along. Similarly. Georges Thill rarely sang Charpentier's Julien on stage but he did appear in the film version of Louise (Nimbus Prima Voce NI 7829:1 CD) in the mid Thirties, when that Charpentier had himself selected highlights from his Paris love story for issue on 78s, with Ninon Vallin in the title role partnering Thill. Nimbus has repackaged them handsomely to give an authentic taste of an opera of great charm. The ENO had a very decent shot at it some years ago;

perhaps it is now revival time.

Richard Leech reappears to good effect as the opera singer Alfred in Philips's new Fledermans (Philips 432 157-2; 2 CDs). But it is really Ladies' Night in Old Vienna with Kiri Te Kanawa as a very poised Rosalinde, Edita Gruberova chirping prettily as ever as Adele and Brigitte Fassbaender repeating her gleefully butch Orlofsky. The non-operatic males carry less allure: Wolfgang Brendel as Eisenstein, Tom Krause as Frank and Olaf Bär as Falke. André Previn conducts the Vienna Philharmonic with a deal more dash than he and the RPO achieved in a London Fledermaus concert with part of the same cast a year ago. This is a lively recording, but there is much com-

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(a) A municipal officer in the Low Countries and in Dutch tolonies, from the Old Tentonic strick! duty + kair to command: "The schoot, who takes care of the peace, seizes all criminals, and see the sentences of justice executed." TALIPAT (a) A South Indian fan-palm, Corypia universitiera, noted for its great height, and its enormous fan-shaped leaves, from the Sanskrit talapatera, leaf of the tala: "The bamboo has been ordained for his dwelling, and the talipat to shelter him from the rains."

COLUGO (c) The flying lemm, probably from a Malaysian word: "The dense jungle is alive with the swooping cries of colugos."

2.00 Coolax (63425) 8.30 Breakfast Nows (80749241) ### German (03423) ### Enterprises Turner (0114844)

\*\*Of But First This, Children's programmes beginning with Defenders
of the Earth. Animated adventures (1). (Castas) [7225889] 9-25

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on their bands (9651999) 10.00 News, regional news and weether (4189787) 16.05 Playdays, For the very young (s) (3892319) 10.25 Pingu. Carbon adventures of a clothey penguin (r) (1919244) 10.35 Paddles Up. The grand final of the international carboling (1809.57) Playdays are provided in the programment of the international carboning (1809.58).

rision News, regional news and weather (2002995) 11.05 Plans Headre Song (1982). Animated musical version of Johanne Spyri's book Head With rusis by Santiny Catin and Burton tree and the voices of Lorne Greene, Salminy Davis Jr. and Margery Gray. Directed by Ricbert Teylor: (8) (1887390) 12.35 Tons and Jerry Triple Bill (8977048) 12.55 Regional News and weether (72260883) 1:00 Dire O'Clock News and weather (61838067) 1.15 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (a) (6057796)

(Ceefax) (s) (6057796)

1.50 Film: Wartock (1959) starring Henry Fords, Fibrard Widmark and Anthony Culm. Wordy, selfous minded and partly psychological western about a gargster-threatened town that hires a professional gunfighter (Fonds) to restore law and order. Directed by Edward Dmytryk (25573680)

2.50 The Canterville Ghost. Oscar Wide's story of a 300-year-old ghost's attempt to scare the human inhabitants of his fouse. (1) (9364406) 4.15 The Great Heep. Adjustion featuring R202 and C3PO (8473226)

C3PO (6473226)

5.00 Newscound (1128088) 5.10 Not The End of the World. The second of a two part children's chame-set in Victorian England based on the novel The Henchmen's at Home by Hester Burton (r)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceetant) (s) (209864) Northern Ireland: Inside 6.00 Six O'Clock Name with Andrew Harvey and Jif Dando. (Caclan

Weather (39)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (81). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Film: Haunted, Honeymoon (1986) starring Gene Water, Gad Redner, Dom Deluies and Jonethen Pryos, West and disappointing comedy about a nervous radio star wito goes to spend a pre-wedding break at his uncle's spooky home on the advice of his psychiatrist. Directed by Gene Wilder. (Ceefex, (2)

(2041883)

8.20 Challenge Annetos Special Report. Annetos Rice returns to the Romanian orphanage where a year ago she helped transform the lives of hundreds of children by modernising the decaying building in a metter of days. (Cestax) (s) (524241)

8.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Cestax) Regional news. and weather (7048)



Faith and charity: Adam Faith and Zoe Wansmaker (9.30pm)

● CHOICE: From the Essex girls of Sinds of a Feether, writers Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran move into different territory for this romantic cornedly starring Zoe. Wanamaker as public relations executive who throws up her highly-paid job to become head of a third would charity. She also abendons her tover and declares that she is finished with men. Enter Adam Faith as a humber of the public that the control of the public that the public plumber-millionaire who enswers an SOS call to mend her beth-taps and becomes determined to add her to his list of coments conquests. There follows a predictable game of playing hard to get, which seems destined to last over another nine apsodes. But If we have been through this before on the plot level, Marks and Gran offer their usual high standard of writing and Wanamaker's sprightly performance; helps to keep things bubbling. The supporting cast includes liene Lapetaire as a rabbi. (Cestar) (502241)

10.29 Film: The Bounty (1984) starring Mel Gibson, Anthony Hopkins and Laurence Olivier. Robert Bolt's screenplay interestingly reworks the Mutiny on the Bounty story with Captain Bligh cast in a less villainous light. Obserted by Roger Donaldson, (Caetax) (11460048)

12.30mm Paul Young — From Time To Time. The singer recorded live on his current UK tour (a) (23704)
1.30 Weather (7549452) 1.30 Weather (7549452)

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ANGLIA: As London supept: 5.10pm-5.40 Garden-ing Time (6104154) 8.00 Home and Assay (82275) 8.25-7.00 Angle Neues (278804) 12.10-1.05 Dirty Denoing (823042)

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980.2 8.00 Breaktast News (1848680) 8.15 Flash Gordon (b/w) (r) (9836845) 8.35 King of the Rocket Men (b/w) (r) (7839715) 8.50 impressions. A portrait of an old rectory crammed with transures

and brice abrice from the past (r) (1051048)

3.00 Filtre The River (1951) starring Patricia Waiters, Nors Swintoume and Adrianne Com. Stylish and handsomely photographed adaptation of River Godden's novel about the growing pains of British children living in India. Directed by Jean Renoir. (Cestax) (13106961)

10.35 Film: The Best of the Bedmen (1951) starring Robert Ryen.
Clairs Travor and Robert Preston. In the aftermath of the American

civil; war, a Union officer seeks refuge with an outlaw gang including the James and Younger brothers. Efficient minor western with an excellent east. Directed by William D. Russell (3690203)

12.00 Film: Sugarfoot (1951) starring Randolph Scott and Raymond Massey. Standard western about a former Confederate efficer who settles down to a new life in Arizona only to be plagued by an old

settles down to a new life in Arizona only to be plagued by an old greeny. Directed by Edwin L. Marin (3358338)

1.26 Groentews. For the underlives (r) (61616945) 1.35 Look, Stranger. A profile of wildlife artist Bashle Heron (r) (60695330)

2.00 News and weather (1899680) 2.05 Prokoffer. The last of three concerts celebrating the centenary of the composer's birth. The BBC Weish Orchestra, conducted by Rudolf Barshai, performs his Symphony No 5 (7018593) 2.50 News and weather (3727195)

2.55 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. The last in the series of fectures for young people given by the zoologist Dr Richard Dawkins (2965408) 3.60 News, regional news and weather (8832583)

4.00 Film: Robins and the Seven Hoods (1964) starring Frank Singtre.

Bog Crosby, Deen Martin, Sammy Davis Jr and Peter Falk. Patchy comedy which sets the Robin Hood story in Prohibition era Chicago. Directed by Gordon Douglas (5951) D. Thunderbirds: Basins and Tin Tin join an archaeplogical dig.

Unaware that the Evil Hood is in attendance. (Ceetax) (851721)

D. Resistance: is Useless: A Doctor Who Retrospective. A complication covering the 26 years of the good Doctor's existence is unarches the first of seven complete stories from the 28C archives

6,50 Be

7.30 Dr Who: The Time Meddler (b/w). Episode one of a four-part adventure, tirst shown in 1965, starting William Hartnell, The Tardis lands in England at the time of the battle of Hastings, but the Doctor realises somithing is wrong when he notices a wristwatch.



From the archives: Purves, Hartnell and O'Brien (7.20pm)

rbours, Bores and Brillian CHOICE: Kevin Allen's video diary of the rugby union world cupy takes a rather different turn from his similar exercise on the football world cup of 1990. For one thing, since rugby fans do not on the whole bave fights with other, there was no point in Allen mixing. with the supporters and acting his camera for the inevitable punch-ups. The second, and more profound difference, is that half way through the rugby event Allen became a victim of television politics and lost his accreditation. From then on he was trying to make a rugby documentary without being allowed into any of the matches. He bravely soldiered on, doing his best to feed of scraps, but the project was never cuite the same. This is a pity, because some of the earlier footage, perticularly of the Welshideback against Western Samoe as refracted through the doleful. copy of player-turned-journelist Clem Thomas, is excellent (293406)

9.00 Film: The Nevigetor (1989) starring Bruce Lyons and Hemish McFerlane. When the inhabitants of a 14th-century Cumbrian mining community learn about the advancing Black Death they embark on a fantasy journey to the Earth's core that brings them out into modern day New Zeeland. Directed by Vincent Ward (s) (6319) 10.30 Newsnight with Jeremy Paxman (799135) 11.15 World Darts. Earnonn Holmes introduces highlights from the first

day's action in the Embassy world championship (436883) day's scool at the Embassy Work distinction placed by the Film: The Undercover Man (1949, b/w) starting Glenn Fordam Nine Foch, Superior gangster drama, loosely based on the Al Capone case, about a US Treasury agent's attempts to hall a powerful mobister on a tax evesion charge. Directed by Joseph H. Lewis (8801704) 1.35 Weather (6537902) . . . . . . . .

6.00 TV-em (6034154) 9.25 The New Adventures of He-Man. Animated adventures (6810796) 9.50 Thames News (6477203) 9.55 Cosgrove Hall's Box of Crackers. Choriton in the Ice World (r) (4296512)

10.30 Film: Hill's Angels (1978) starring Edward Herrman, Barbara Hards and Clons Leachman. Middling Disney corriedy about a prest who runs into trouble when the church funds are lost when they are wagered on a horse race. Directed by Bruce Bilson

12.30 News (Oracle) Weather (37864) 1.00 Thames News (61832883) 1.10 Home and Away (Oracle) (61642406)
1.40 Film: The Reluctant Agent (1989) starring Jackee and Richard Lawson Strained made for lefevision comedy about an FBI agent

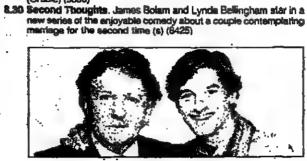
who, when injured, persuades her twin sister waitress to take over the case that she was on. Directed by Paul Lynch (27687319)
3.30 ITN News headlines (8850999) 3.35 Thames News headlines (9842970) 3.40 Cartoon Mickey Mouse in Society Dog Show (8930135)

3.50 Film: Afice in Wonderland (1951) Walt Disney's uneasy cartoon version of the Lewis Carroll story, Includes the voice of Kathryn Beaumont, Ed Wynn and Sterling Holloway. Directed by Clyde Geronimi, Wiffred Jackson and Hamilton Luske (6434087)

5.10 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (6104154) 5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather (163241) 6.00 LWT News and weather (118067)

6.20 Incredible Stutte and Jumps. Deredevil stunts (208845) 6.55 The Day, With mother of two Carol Sayer as she returns to work after a break of 14 years 7.00 Family Fortunes. Quiz game show hosted by Les Dennis (s)

7.30 Coronation Street (Oracle) (41) 8.00 Watching The first of a new series of the thin but extraor popular romantic comedy staming Emma Wray and Paul Bown. (Oracle) (9390)



Fortune's flatmates: Keith Barron, Nigel Havers (9.00pm)

3.00 The Bood Guye CHOICE: John Fortune's comedy-drama stars Nigel Havers and Keith Barron as two chaps who are both called Guy and contrive to and up sharing a flat. There are obvious achies of Neil Simon's The Odd Couple, though in this first episode the two Guys are less concerned with getting down to the domestic arrangements than wiith heading off a nasty sub-plot. This teatures Leslie Granthem, playing even dirtier than Dirty Den, as a cheated husband pasying event circum multi-physical, as a largetter industrial determined to exact maximum revenge and imagen Boormen as his errant wife. On top of this unwelcome complication Havers has lost his job as a magazine photographer and Barron is seeking refuge from marital strife, in its amisbie, undersanding way the series promises much pleasure, with the two stars effortlessly playing out their familiar comedy roles and Fortune's script mming in enough incident to ensure a hactic pace. (Oracle)

at Ten with Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather (633845)

10.35 LWT News and weather (635048)
10.40 Film: Rope (1948) starring James Stewarl, John Dall, Fraley Granger and Cedric Hardwicks. Afred Hitchcock thriller, with echoes of the Leopoid-Loeb case, about two college students who murder an acquaintance and hide the body in a wooden chest. Interesting for Hitchcock's experiment of shooting in ten-minute

takes, seamed together with no apparent joins (\$807636)

12.10am Europe — This Great Nation. Young people on what they think of their country and Europe as a whole (\$923742)

1.05 American Gladiators. Trials of strength and strategy for both sexes (s) (2661471)

2.05 CinemAttractions. Film news from Hollywood (6471925)
2.40 Raw Power. Rock videos (s) (5446966)
3.40 Mountain Bike Championships Review of the Year (5778384)
4.35 1991 Grand Sumo Championship. The first of four visits to the tournament held in Japan in October (5412181) 5.30 News (99013) Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.90 The Channel 4 Daily (6032796) 3.25 Sesame Street. Entertaining chicken's learning series (6306795)
10.25 Attempt on the Pole. The story of an attempt by an international

team to cross the Antarctic in 1989 (8376048)

11.00 Kabaddi The man's semi-final — West Bengal v Services (3222)

11.30 Pro-Celebrity Golf. Gary Player's pertner is Peter Cook: Sandy

Lyle is joined by John Virgo (18845)

12.30 Business Daily News from the world's money markets (35406)

1.00 Film: The Pure Hell of Saint Trinlan's (1960, b/w), More mayhem from the notous schoolgirls, here attracting the attentions of an amorous sheigh looking for harem replacements. The jokes are starting to wear thin, but the cast can still boast Joyce Greniel and George Cole. Directed by Frank Launder (44730203)

2.45 Profiles of Nature. Highlights from the career of the late naturalist and wildlife cinematographer Robert C Hermes of Flonds

3.15 A TV Dante. Part seven (r) (s) (1947661) 3.30 The Art of the Western World. Michael Wood continues his series on the history of western art (r) (35)

4.00 Remembering Romero. A film about Monsignor Oscar Amulto Romero, the Archbishop of El Salvador who was assassinated in March 1980 (70)

5.90 The Riklshi in Landon. Highlights of the Sumo tournament held in London in November (7393) 8.00 Roseanne Wisecracking blue collar comedy (r) (19)



Shallow char: Jonathan Ross interviews Al Pacino (6.30pm)

Tonight With Jonethan Ross.

CHOICE A New York edition of the likely lad's talk show is devoted entirely to Al Pacino, The occasion is claimed as a scoop, since Pacino's last chaf show appearance was 20 years ego. It just happens that Pacino has a new film conting out. Could this be a handy way of getting in a plug? Well, yes it could. The film, Frankle and Johrany, is not exactly ignored. On the contrary it is the very first item, logether with the requisite clip and inevitable question of what it was like to work with co-star Michelle Pleiffer. A later discussion on The Conflaths leads Russ to sky what it was like. discussion on The Godfather leads Ross to ask what it was file working with Marlon Brando Ross tends to ask obvious questions. His reach-me-down style may be a change from Wogan but he is hardly more penetrating. After his long absence from the chat show circuit Pecino is given the easiest possible come-back. The trouble is that bland questions produce a bland programme (s) (99)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) Weather (883845)
7.50 First Reaction. Toby Young, editor of Modern Review, demes claims that computer games are a danger to society (138357)

8.80 Brookside Soap set in a Merseyside close. (Teletext) (7932)

8.30 Quizbowt The sports quiz features a contest between Today and the Daily Mirror (s) (6067)

9.00 Cheers Slick comedy series set in a Boston bar. (Teletext) (3086) 8.50 How Does Your Garden Grow? In the first of a new wirles on Irish

gardens Philip Wood and David Wilson visit Billy and Rita Douglas in Portadown, Co Armagh (48970) 10.00 Dream On American comedy series starring Brian Benben.

(Teletext) (s) (17512)

10.30 The Best of the Paul Hogan Show. Highlights of Hogan's Australian cornedy senes (r) (866393)

11.05 The Word. Includes interviews with Torn Cruise, Madonna, Spike

Lee, Sher, Kim Basinger and Mel Gibson. Plus performances from Michael Jackson, George Michael and REM (961425) 12.05am it's Roger Medie — The Man on the Telly. Animation based on the Viz cartoon character (s) (6440452)

12.15 An All-Star Toast to the Improv. A comedy and music tribute to the famous Los Angeles theatre (s) (7536926)

1.15 Tonight With Jonathan Ross (r) (2788810) Ends at 1.40

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You're Gonna Pay Me as Well (91529333) 7.30 Coronation Street (90418087) 8.00 News (52518721) followed by Cutty Serk Tall Ships' Race (63465154) 9.00 The Gotden Girls (72416786) 9.30 News

veget (475487) 2.50 Tripwire (1989). An semantst attacks the family of an FBI agent (1004926) 4.20 Desparate For Love (1986); A get comes between two leanage boys (569622) SATELLITE THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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12.15pm Devt's Hill. Rural drams, set in Tusmenia (250845)
2.15 Love Happy (1950). Marx. Brothers comedy (270609)
4.15 Tom Alone (1950); A boy searches across Cereda for his loss father (15977)
6.15 The Long Road Home (1990). Drams set during the great depression (152241)
8.15 Our Sons (1991). Julie Andrews and Ann-Margiet as mothers of two homosexual boys (76327222)
9.55 Paris By Night (1988). Mystery-thriller atarming Charlotte Rampling (212065)
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staming Roseanne Blim (997086) 1.30pm Stranded (1987) Troubled aliens receive help from a friendly tarrily (8705433) 2.55 The End (1978): Black cornedy starring THE COMEDY CHANNEL

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4.00 Eddie And The Crulsers fit Eddie Lives (1989)\* The adventures of a lictional rock-end-oil singer (8512715)
5.40 Entertainment Tonight (794135)
6.00 The Detective Kid (1989) A teenager attempts to seve his matter from excition (16195)
8.00 Robot Jox (1980) Sovence-fiction tale from director Stuart Gordon (47726798)
9.40 US Top Ten (317002)
10.00 Ghoest Cen't Do It (1990). A spirit returns to his earthly write (5433)

rouns to his earthly wife (54339)
11.30 Dead Calm (1989) A young couple are menaced by a psychotic kiler (247593)
1.10am Gatting it Flight (1989) Comedy about the sexual awalening of a 31-year-old

PADIO 1 FM Stereo and MW 4,00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6,00am) 6,00 Smon Mayo 9,00 Smon Bates 12,30pan NewsDeat 12,45 Johnne Walker 4,00 Jaklu Brambles 5,30 News 91 6,00 Round Table 7,00 The Essentel Selection 10,00 Finday Rock Show 12,00-4 million Andro Devotate Physical College

FM Stereo, 4,00am Steve Madden 6,00 David Allen 7,30 Debbie Thrower 9,30 Mark Wynter 11,00 Jimmy Young 1,05pm Torn Jones 8 Concert 2.00 Gloris Hunnford 4.30 The Great Musicals Gordon Cycle marrates the story of Sigmund Romberg's The Desert Song 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Alame's the Story of Sigmund Romberg's The Desert Song 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Alame's the Game Comody biography game in which Barry Cryer, Ougge Brown and guests 30 Pollard and Lonal Blast Hungt to sort out who's who 7.30 Finday Night is Music Night 8.45 Laune Holloway at the pano 9.00 Cisten to the Band 10.00 Radio 2 Arts Programms 12.05em Jazz Parade Digby Farrweather talks jazz with Johntry Griffin 12.35 Colin Berry with Night Radio 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5.

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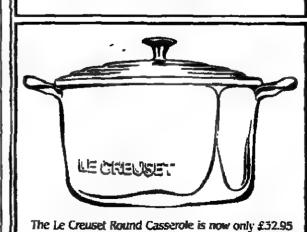
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# Arctic weather disrupts Levant

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

ARCTIC winds drove blizzards and gales across the Levant yesterday, causing flooding along the Mediterranean seaboard and record snowfalls in highland areas.

Egypt's largest port. Alexandria, was closed by the strong winds and heavy rain. Jerusalem was cut off by a 16in blanket of snow, and King Husain of Jordan called out civil defence teams to

clear drifts 2ft deep.

But although the blast of cold weather from Russia created havoc for Arabs. Israelis and Turks, it was welcomed not only in skiing resorts. as the normally parched nations are grateful for precipitation no matter how unpleasant.

In Israel, the rain and snow succeeded — where numerous Arab armies have failed - in paralysing the country's infrastructure and humbling a normally hardy people. From the desert town of Dimona to the northernmost reaches of Upper Galilee, hundreds of roads, schools and offices were closed by the heaviest snowfall in 40 years. Power lines came down, and there was panie buying in shops.

Israeli parliamentarians debating this year's budget had to be ferried to and from the Knesset by armoured personnel carriers. Palestinian leaders trapped in the occupied territories were forced to postpone travel plans for peace talks in Washington next week.

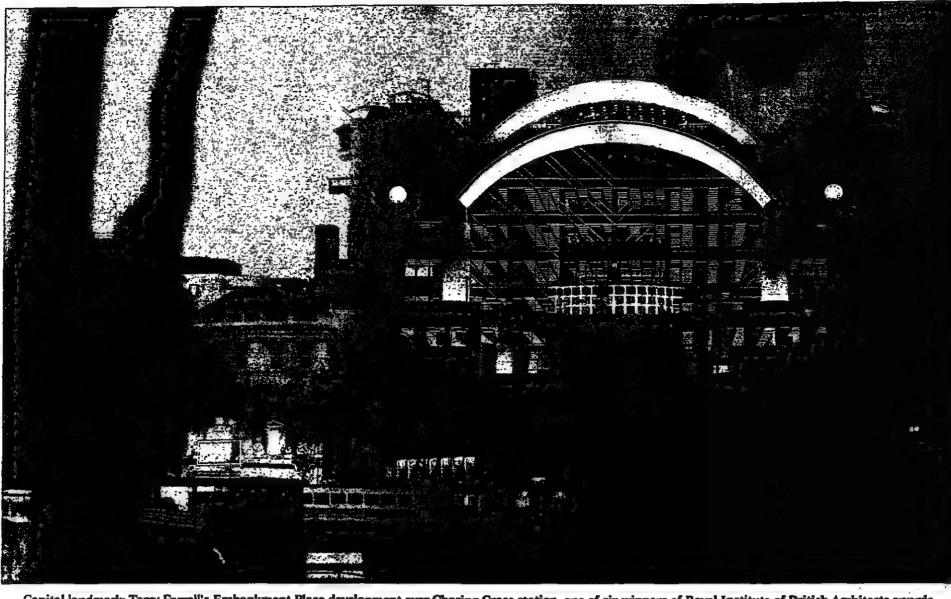
One Israeli in particular found it difficult to adjust to the conditions. Sent to clear fallen trees in Arab East Jerusalem, he complained to police that he had been attacked by Palestinian youths. Officers sent to the scene established that the workman was the victim of nothing more serious than a few snowballs; they were classified as

In Tel Aviv, residents complained that heavy rain caused more disruption than last year's Scud missile attacks. Storms turned stretches of the city's new Ayalon highway into lakes, and hundreds of people were flooded out of their homes. The freak winter weather

came as a shock to newlyarrived immigrants from the Soviet Union, who had thought that blizzards were a problem of the past.

Snow report, page 28

# Six winners mark the end of architectural anonymity



Capital landmark: Terry Farrell's Embankment Place development over Charing Cross station, one of six winners of Royal Institute of British Architects awards

# Police defend siege killing

been a single-barrelled shot-gun. Mr Hughes said that an armed response unit was then sent to the incident.

During the siege, Mr Ben-nett left his flat and went outside to lay a gun and ornamental axe on the ground. Mr Hughes said that he still did not believe that it had been safe for his officers to move in and arrest him.

Mr Bennett was then seen brandishing another weapon from the window. Mr Hughes said that he was given three clear warnings to throw down the gun and surrender. When he refused, and officers believed they were about to come under fire, he was shot. Police recovered two replica rifles and a number of imitation handguns from the flat.

"Police officers aim to shoot at the upper torso and you can expect to inflict fatal injuries," Mr Hughes said. "Shooting to disable is something which comes from cow-boy films and has no relation

Yesterday the dead man's father, Eric Bennett, said that one of the guns involved had a solid barrel and could not be fired. He believed that the other weapon brandished by his son was similar.

"I told the police that my son did not have any firearms in the flat," Mr Bennett said. "I asked them for a loudhailer so my wife could talk him down. She would have got him out. They didn't even give him 24 hours to give himself up. It all happened too quickly. There was no need to shoot him."

Michael Taylor, the solicitor for the Bennett family said yesterday that the dead man and his girl friend, Moya Ornafowski, had had an argument 24 hours before the shooting. Ms Ornatowski was later detained in the Royal Halifax Infirmary suffering from an overdose of

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the overdose was unconnected with the siege and that, at the time, Mr Bennett did not know she was in hospital.

The family is devastated, and we have certain reservations about the way the police reacted," Mr Taylor said. There are a lot of questions

The incident led to renewed calls for legislation to outlaw the sale of imitation and replica firearms. Robert Cryer, Labour MP for Bradford South, said that he intended to table questions in parlia-ment for Kenneth Baker, the home secretary.

John Patten, the Home Office minister, said yesterday ready the toughest in Europe and it would prove difficult to impose a total ban. He added that the use of firearms for crime was extremely rare.

Analysis, pictures, page 3 Police dilemma, page 10

## **Prices** soar in Russia

Continued from page 1

proposal led to panic buying and was abandoned. A further attempt was made last April, retaining a system of regulated prices, but that failed to bring goods back to the shelves. Nor did rationing improve supplies, as even the coupons found their way to the black market.

Since last April, Moscow and other big cities have seen a rapid expansion of a "commercial sector", with trading from kiosks and sub-let state premises at commercial prices. Such shops sell only imprices far above what most Russians can afford. Yesterday, the cost of fruit, sausage and wine in those shops fell.

Yeltsin therapy, page 6 Letters, page 11

# Governor rules out interest rate rise

Continued from page 1 and the Bank of England but all economists, are saying that 1992 will be a year of

recovery. Labour will use its shadow cabinet gathering as an opportunity to project its own economic and industrial policies. The party will claim that there is a better way of running the economy, with policies for reducing unemploy-ment, sustaining growth and improving essential services.

The Tories will next week attack Labour's taxation policies. Yesterday Labour said the government was shifting the tax burden to paid. According to Margaret Beckett, shadow chief secretary to the Treasury, 6.2 per cent of the typical family's income went on poll tax in 1990/1, while the figure was only 3.4 per cent for a similar family on twice the income.

She published a table suggesting that the tax burden on a family with two children on typical earnings had risen since 1978/9 from 30.9 per cent to 34.9 per cent. "This is due in large part to the in-crease in indirect taxes like VAT and the poll tax which

weigh most heavily on the less well-off," she said. John Maples, the junior Treasury minister, said on BBC Breakfast News that all the ingredients were in place for economic recovery. However, he was not sure whether it would be in time for the general election. He said: longer than we thought it would. There are some indications that a recovery has started, but they are very tentative."

Peter Riddell, page 10

ARCHITECTURE

THE age of anonymity in ar-chitecture is ending. The six winners of the National Architecture Awards of the Royal Institute of British Architects, announced today. show a pronounced frend to-wards individuality and ad-

The high-tech Deck House in Hammersmith, designed by Sir Richard Rogers's partner. John Young, is as extraordinary "total work of art" as any architect's house built this century. No fea-ture, the judges say, falls back on established, domestic precedent, whether the industrial radiators by Amazon Breastplates, or the retractable aircraft-style stair for the sunken hottub in Japanese Cypress beneath a clear glass root.

But for its unusual diamond plan, Michael Manser's Sterling Hotel, Heathrow, might at first glance seem no more than a chromi-um-plated aircraft hanger, but the coolness and calm of the interior is an elegant and accomplished example of the new Minimalism. Manser's stated aim was "absolute clarity for jet-lagged passen-gers", and instead of the usu-al, windowless corridors, visitors approach the rooms across bridges that give a bird's-eye view of the layout.

The ovaloid Cardiff Bay visitors' centre by Alsop Lyall and Stormer gives the im-pression that it has arrived from outer space. The steel and marine plywood construction is covered in weatherproof PVC fabric se-

Terry Farrell's Embank ment Place development over Charing Cross station is a brilliant handling of mass on a sensitive riveriront site and is acclaimed "as a memorable and individual building of great quality and a major London landmark.

A second London award goes to Arup Associates' Broadgate Development, Phases I-IV. Despite 40 years of the planning system. the judges say, "such a suc-cessful creation of a new urban space is a great rarity in Britain."

A sixth award goes to Bennetts Associates for the Imperium at Reading, praised for a beautifully simple plan, an atrium that floods the centre of the building with daylight, and a sumptuous arrival hall.

On January 28, Richard MacCormac, the institute's president, will choose one of the six as building of the year. The winners are notable for a strong showing by the commercial sector, including what was once the most de-Peter Riddell, page 10 spised of building types, the Sterling strengthens, page 17 speculative office block.

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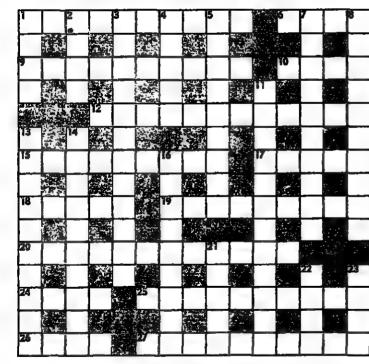
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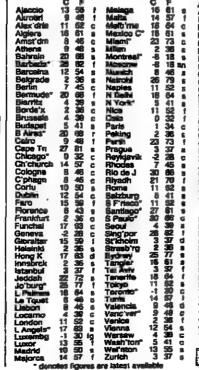
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- 9 Extra time showing as excess (10). 10 Put back ladder on end of plank or
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- 15 A boy adds salt first to lamb's lettuce (4-5).
- 17 Relationship corroboration (5). 18 Part of Italy where island is lost in
- 19 MD to marry? Perhaps it's an or-
- 20 Cigarette wrapper used by sailor
- 24 Press forward to the inner drive (4).
- Solution to Puzzie No 18.804
- 25 She had a fit after the dance (10). 26 The old way round to the squirrel's
- 27 Triplanes, say, needed for this trip?

#### i A rocky perch (4).

- 2 I rose to receive the king a terrible person (4).
- Wave goes over girl on board, whereupon she scoots away (6-6).
- 4 Old-fashioned kind of horse in gym
- 5 A native of Hampshire old or
- 7 May become tired in wet, cold season (6-4).
- 8 Performs The Tempest in country stores? (10).
- 11 He presages trouble for scrully re-sort with empty lake (6.6). 13 Avoid area of brushwood when on
- 14 Middle East syndicate's horse covers the distance (4.6). 16 Scurvy treatment when drank (4-
- 22 Beat, putting up game (4). 23 Walk unsteadily to railway station
- Concise Crossword, page 13

#### Windy everywhere, especially in the West where there will be MONO-WATCHING O gales, some severe, on exposed coasts. Cloudy start over Scotland A daily safari through the language jungle. Which definitions are correct? and Northern Ireland with rain, heavy at times in the west. Clearer weather with showers will spread to most other parts of Scotland and Northern Ireland. Mild in the South but cooler in the North By Phillip Howard with sleet or snow over higher ground. Outlook: cool with snow HEESIE—JEEBIES a. (a) A fit of depression or init b. (b) Fruit gums c. (c) The Coldstream Guards showers over Scotland at first but becoming milder everywhere. A CHICAGO BATA CE ABIOAN SCHOUT a. (a) A municipal officer b. (b) A water spout c. (c) A flat-bottomed river boat





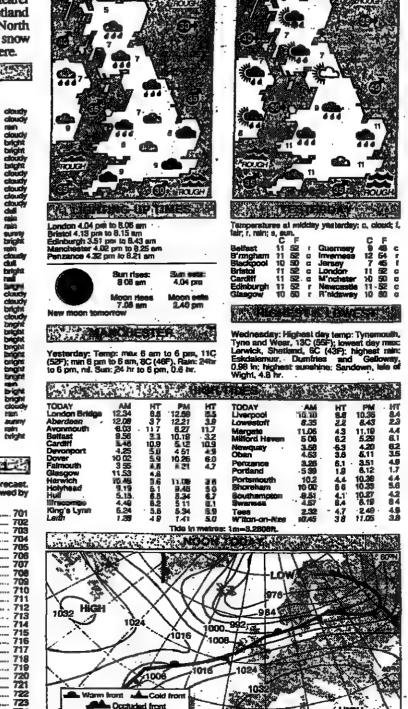






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Medway Port Authority iterday began selecting a ouver for Britain's fourth-largest trust port out of the eight applicants Page 19



commissioner, proposed the "1992" internal market directives in 1985. Where are they now? Page 19

TOMORROW



Michael Jordan, senior partner of Cork Gully, the insolvency specialist. believes the country has entered a Thirties-style

#### HAPPY PEPDAY

Personal equity plans celebrate their fifth birthday. But confusing regulations have led some holders to exceed limits.

#### THE POUND

US dollar 1.8740 (+0.0062) German mark 2.8513 (+0.0109) Exchange index 91.6 (+0.2)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

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Bush remarks fuel fears for trade pact

# EC president sees no Gatt deal by June

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

HOPES for a successful conclusion to the world trade talks early this year. have faded on both sides of the Atlantic, possibly putting the whole deal in jeopardy, judging by remarks yesterday from President Bush and João de Deus Pinheiro, the Portuguese foreign

minister. Growing optimism had been signalled before Christmas that final details of the Uniguay round agreement to liberalise world trade could be settled by the end of next month, to be followed by a formal signing ceremony in March.

A successful outcome to the five-year negotiations would provide a much-needed boost to world growth, help prevent a resurgence of protectionism, and avert trade wars. The Group of Seven summit in London last July declared a successful outcome to trade talks, the top economic

The timetable envisaged

before the holiday break

would have allowed President Bush to sign up to the com-prehensive deal before his mandate from Congress expires. Without that mandate, which runs out this spring. the president cannot sign a trade pact without having separate congressional approval for every part of it. In a presidential election year, re-newing the politically sensi-tive mandate could prove

Senhor de Deus Pinheiro.

played on its first trading day

of the year surprised foreign exchange dealers, who had

been expecting the pound to

come under renewed pressure

when markets reopened after

Concern that fresh pressure

could force the government to

raise base rates half a point

was reduced by the softer tone

in money market rates. Since

the Bundesbank tightened

aggressively before Christ-mas, the key three-month in-

terbank rate has been at-11

per cent. Yesterday, it eased to 104 per cent. The base rate has been 10.5 per cent

At the 5pm London market

close, sterling was 1.63 pfen-

WALL Street started the new

year in sombre mood, in con-

trast to the record breaking

run in the final days of 1991.

The Dow Jones industrial

average fell almost 30 points

before recovering to show an

11-point fall at 3.157.87 in

early afternoon trading, after

it became apparent that man-

ufacturers had cut orders in

December in response to slow

BY-MARTIN BARROW

HARD-PRESSED stockbro-

kers hoping to generate in-

terest in shares may do well

to forget about potential cap-

ital gains and attractive

vields and focus on the main

event - shareholders' perks.

cult to convince the uninitiat-

ed that shares in Trafaigar

House, down from last year's

high of 261p to 119p, should

be bought as a recovery

stock. But the prospect of a

15 per cent discount on se-

lected QE2 cruises to New

York, the Caribbean and the

Norwegian fjords just may do the trick, while 10 per

cent off a British Airways

flight may ease concern

about uncertain prospects

facing the the world's self-

styled favourite airline.

The 1992 Concessionary

After all, it may prove diffi-

since early September.

the holiday.

whose country took over the rotating European Commuyear, told the Belgian newspaper Le Soir that he was not very optimistic" about concluding the trade agreement before the end of June. when Portugal's Community presidency ends. He said Community gov-

ernments were far from agreement between themselves on the draft final text put forward on December 20 by Arthur Dunkel, the director general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, who has led the

Continued transatiantic differences on the key issue of farm subsidies were evident in a rash of pre-Christmas meetings between American and European Commission Senhor de Deus Pinheiro

made clear that France, Europe's leading agricultural ex-porter, had rejected outright Mr Dunkel's proposals on farm subsidies. He predicted that the meeting Mr Dunkel has called for January 13 to hear government responses to his draft agreement had little chance of achieving definitive

On reform of the Commu-nity's common agricultural policy, which Brussels insists need not be concluded before the Uruguay round accord is signed, Senhor Pinheiro took the view that the complex and politically sensitive Cap issue would take much longer than six months to resolve.Britain takes over the presidency of

Sterling strengthens

BY OUR ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE firmer tone sterling dis- migs higher at DM2.8532, prime minister's new year

having recovered from weak-

ness prompted by remarks on

television by Robin Leigh-

Pemberton, Governor of the

Bank of England. Besides

lending support to the gov-

ernment's view that recovery

is under way, he said he saw

"no immediate need" to raise

At its best, the pound had

climbed 2 pfennigs to

DM2.8550, well clear of its

effective floor within the Eu-

ropean exchange-rate mechanism. It closed little changed

against the dollar at \$1.8685

and was up 0.2 at 91.6 on its

first chance for the foreign

exchange market to assess the

consumer demand. The sur-

vey of purchasing managers.

issued by the National Associ-

ation of Purchasing Man-

agement, produced a

monthly index of 46.5 per

cent in December, down from

Construction spending fell

Dow drops, page 22

Buy the shares and see the world

50.1 per cent in November.

0.8 per cent in November.

Barratt: discount house

Discounts, published by Sey-

mour Pierce Butterfield, the

stockbroker, shows that

many companies offer share-

holders a 10 per cent dis-

count on many of their

products. Others go further.

Barratt Developments, to

which Laurie Barratt re-

turned as chairman last year.

offers £500 off for every

Although yesterday was the

trade-weighted index.

Wall Street depressed

BY GEORGE SIVELL

interest rates.

the Community in July. President Bush, at the end of a two-day visit to Australia, declared that he would not alter America's farm subsidy policy, which came under strong attack from Paul Keating, the new Australian prime minister earlier this

The American leader said the policy was intended to protect American farmers against subsidised exports from Europe. Mindful that he faces a re-election battle, Mr Bush said: "While I don't like using these remedies, I will safeguard the interests of American farmers.

President Bush blamed Ja-pan's trade barriers for fostering America's recession, re-inforcing the warning to Tokyo issued by Robert Mosbacher, his commerce secretary, last weekend. Mr Mosbacher said Washington considered cuts in Japanese car sales in America an option, if Japan failed to reduce its \$41 billion surplus on bi-

Mr Bush said: "Anytime you have an extraordinarily big trade imbalance, I think that you would say that would be contributing to a lack of economic growth."

In a personal note to President Bush, Mr Keating this week warned America against pursuing trade poli-cies that could divide the world into three feuding trading blocs - the Americas, Europe and the Asia-Pacific

Bush fosters trade, page 7

and no devaluation of the

pound, dealers attributed

much of sterling's improve-

ment to the bearish approach

to the mark. The latter

stemmed from concern about

price reforms in Russia and

the Ukraine, as well as eco-

nomic slowdown in Ger-

many. Despite the pound's good showing, foreign ex-

change analysts believe it re-mains vulnerable to pressure,

which could reappear when

the Japanese market reopens

on Monday after its long year-end holiday. Mr Leigh-Pemberton said

there was a "better tone" for

sterling yesterday morning.

He saw no need for a devalua-

tion of sterling in the ERM

and said the main aim of

policy was to create a stable

economic environment. "We

need to keep our nerve now

and stick to the policies of the

Share prices experienced a

volatile time during the first trading session of 1992 as

strong early gains were wiped out. The FT-SE 100 index

ended 0.3 points down at

2,492.8 having been 37.7

£25,000 spent on a new

Barratt home, while Bellway,

a rival builder, offers a £600.

After the indulgences of

Christmas, Community Hos-

pitals Group may appeal to investors, who are offered 20

per cent off the price of a check-up for 500 shares

bought. If hospital treatment

is required, a hospitality gift

pack is presented on admit-

tance. Great Southern

Group, the quoted undertak-

er, gives all investors a dis-

count on Chosen Heritage

retailer whose shares lan-

guish at 38p against a 12-month high of 95p, has

consequently doubled to

1,000 the number of shares

investors must buy to be enti-

tled to a 12.5 per cent dis-

With privatisation now

count at all its shops

Burton Group, the fashion

pre-paid funerals.

last 15 months.



Remodelling for Europe: Geoffrey Maitland Smith by a window display at the Selfridges sale yesterday

# Sears sells last US business for £22 m

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH SEARS, the high street retail group that encompasses Selfridges, Dolcis, Saxone and Olympus Sport, is selling its remaining American business, Miss Erika, to manage

ment for E22 million.

The price represents book value for the business, while the sale continues Sears's policy of selling peripheral interests in favour of focussing on retail trade in Europe.

Miss Erika, a New York wholesaler, was bought by Sears in 1977, when Sir Charles Clore, the group's founder was alive. It supplies omenswear to about 3,000 American retailers, with most of the merchandise from the Far East. Geoffrey Maidand Smith.

chairman of Sears, said

'Miss Erika is a good business which has served us very well. But with the current downturn, profits have dropped dramatically. Miss Erika profits were £5.9 million before manage ment incentives in 1990-1.

Galliford housebuilding subsidiary when market conditions improve. Mr Maitland Smith said Christmas trading for Sears had been late, but slightly better than expected. Small ticket items sold well, as did

cosmetics, womenswear and

Sears also plans to sell its

childrenswear.
The first three days of the January sale have also been strong, with the group's Scottish and northern stores being the best performers. Mr Maitland Smith believes those shopping in the sales are coming for specific goods and says the strong start to the sale may be difficult to

sustain. Morgan Grenfell, the mer-chant bank, revealed it had a higher after the Governor's 3.01 per cent stake in Sears that it was holding on behalf Comment, page 21 of a number of clients.

Stock market, page 22 shares rose to 95p. of a number of clients. Sears

back on track, British Rail

may consider the examples

set by the unquoted Severn

Valley Railway or the Rom-ney, Hythe & Dymchurch

Railway, both of which offer

shareholders free travel and

extend the concession to

family and relatives of share-

holders with larger holdings.

Eurotunnel continues to

promise investors a range of

travel privileges on its cross-

Channel shuttle, if and when

it eventually opens. Those

with definite appointments

in France should consider

calling P&O, which offers 50

per cent off ferry crossings

In these Aids-conscious

days, even London Interna-

tional Group gets in on the

act, by handing shareholders

at its annual meeting a small

box of the group's products.

from Dover.

Still in the travel category.

# **Duracell** to shed 320 jobs in move By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

DURACELL, the Americanowned battery maker, is to close its manufacturing operation at Crawley, Sussex, with the loss of 320 jobs.

The manufacture of battery components will be relocated to Aarschot, Belgium, where the company has its European centre for battery assembly. British warehouse operations will also be transferred to Belgium.

John Seager, head of European manufacturing, said consolidation on a single site would reduce management and transport costs.

A Duracell spokesman said the restructuring was part of a drive to improve efficiency. The company was acquired from Kraft in a leveraged buyout by managers backed

by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts

& Co in 1988. The shares were floated on Wall Street in May last year. Duracell is Europe's lead-

ing manufacturer of long-life alkaline batteries, with a 47 per cent share of the market. Worldwide sales of alkaline batteries are rising 7 to 8 per cent a year. Duracell had operating income of \$256 million last year on sales of \$1.52 billion.

The company is to retain its European headquarters and technical centre, together employing almost 300 staff, at Crawley, and will continue to make hearing aid batteries in Wrexham, Clwyd.

Duracell has set aside £7 million to cover the cost of the restructuring. The phased closure will be completed in

# Telecom takeover completed

UNITED Telecom, a Kansas telecommunications group that is trying to break into the UK market, paid \$530 mil-lion for the 20 per cent of US Sprint it did not already own. Sprint is America's thirdlargest long-distance telephone company. The deal values it at almost \$3 billion (Philip Robinson writes).

Last year, United linked with British Waterways in a ioint venture to run fibreoptic cables along Britain's rivers and canals, in competition with British Telecom.

Sprint claims a tenth of America's \$55 billion telephone marker. William Esrey, United's chairman "Full ownership of Sprint is the realisation of a long-term strategic objec-



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# THE TIMES FRIDAY JANUARY 3 1992

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# Safe dose of medicine makes right mix for '92

This year looks

especially tricky for

the tipster. Our

team steeled itself

SIR James Goldsmith once said that financial journalists were better at journalism than tipping shares, otherwise they would be relaxing on their yachts in the Mediterranean rather than beavering away at word processors. Not flattering perhaps, but most of those engaged in the ritual of year-end share tips would reluctantly admit that there is a certain logic in Sir James's remarks.

Nor, it should be pointed out, does the typical list of newspaper naps constitute the balanced portfolio, well diversified both industrially and geographically and with a judicious mix of the safe and the speculative, which, for the remaining 364 days of the year, we urge upon the private investor as the most sensible long-term approach to investment. But so much for health warnings. In that spirit, herewith the collective Tempus view of the stock market in 1992 and some shares that should collectively outperform the market.

Last year, many investors paid the price for chasing shares too hard, discounting economic recovery which has yet to appear far too early. This year, judging by the burst of strength in the past formight, a similar rush is in progress. Despite the fact that January produces a market rise in more years than not. these gains may easily be wiped out by several factors that call for caution in the early part of the year.

The weakness of the British economy merits lower interest rates, yet the pound, caught in its ERM strait-jacket may instead be forced to dance to the Bundesbank tune. Even if Britain manages to avoid higher interest rates, it would be wrong to hope for cheaper money to kick-start us from recession. Consumer-led recovery is more likely to be a

There will be a new government by the second half of 1992 and the pre-election period promises uncertainty in currency and equity markets — always bad for market

sentim**e**nt. The only sensible guesses here are that a Labour victory would impede equities indirectly through a rise in gilt relative attractions of bonds and shares. Yet the second half of the year should find investors in more positive mood, provided the bulls do



not take the market to unrealistic levels before then.

Despite the weak economic background for business, corporate profits should show the stirrings of recovery after what promises (if the recent flood of profit downgradines is taken at face value) to be a miserable 1991 annual results season. Companies have cut costs

ruthlessly and the continuing labour shake-out is improving unit costs and profitability. Company earnings may show double figure rises in 1992 despite almost invisible GDP growth. Dividends are another

matter. Cover on industrial company payouts has withered to levels last seen in the 1980-1 recession and needs to be restored to more normal levels. Dividend cuts may be commonplace in 1992.

The combination of rising earnings throughout the year and the prospects for some economic recovery in 1993 should see the stock market higher by the end of the fourth quarter. But this mix of positive and negative prospects makes stock selection more tricky than in most

The perfect share for 1992 is either in a recession-proof sector or does not depend overmuch on the early emergence of strong economic

We have chosen two from the telecoms sector, two from pharmaceuticals sector and two shares that should do well, recovery or no recovery.

Medicines seem in more demand than ever during a recession and the sector is an obvious safety first haven for 1992. Last year, Wellcome and Glaxo were among the star performers in the market, overshadowing Smith-Kline Beecham. None the less. SB is still capable of earnings growth in the low teens for sometime to come.

TEMPUS TIPS FOR 1992 SmithKline Beecham A Business Technology

Medeva, its much smaller companion, makes up for size with an attractive strategy devised by Bernard Taylor, who learned a thing or two from his years at Glaxo. Medeva aims to exploit niche-branded markets neglected by the giants seeking blockbuster drugs. It second leg is vaccine manufacture. Mr Taylor also aims to grow much bigger in generic drugs.

In telecorns. Cable and Wireless is ploughing

# City wins eastern sell-off contracts

By COLIN NARBROUGH ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

LONDON-BASED firms are winning the bulk of the lucrative advisory work on privatisation in east Europe, where sales of public assets are expected to dwarf the disposal programmes seen in the West, according to a report by the Adam Smith Institute. the free market think-tank.

The report notes that British government sell-offs account for a third of all privatisations in progress. Last year, government selloffs, involving 100 countries, totalled \$2 billion worldwide. Over the past decade. privatisations worth a total of \$200 billion have been carried out.

British-based accountants, merchant banks, stockbrokers and law firms act as advisers on nearly half the privatisations outside Britain, giving City firms first place in the advisers' league, slightly ahead of the Germans. The decade of experience with British privarisations has given City firms an advantage over foreign advisers, but the report says that deeper advice is needed at the political level to develop company and property law, accounting and banking procedures, and the monetary and macro-economic framework needed for a free market system.

In a timely warning, given the price reforms introduced in Russia and Ukraine yesterday, the report underlines the need for large-scale investment of western time, expertise and money in some countries in east Europe, especially the former Soviet Union. Without this investment, they will descend into civil war as the political and economic structures break

through the recession with

hardly a pause for breath. After an expected £100 mil-

lion or so rise in pre-tax prof-

its this year, to £710 million

or so, C&W could make £825

Activity in world financial

markets will be robust this

year and Reuters Holdings

should serve the portfolio

well. A modest improvement

in revenue streams would

have a decided impact on

Renters' net earnings line,

while the prospect of greater

activity among its client base

as the year wears on should

enhance the investment fol-

BTR is probably still sa-

vouring its early 1991 Christ-

mas present, which was put

under its corporate tree in

November and labelled Haw-

executive, aptly demonstrated

in 1991 that he could pull off

a mega-deal. BTR's manage-

ment should reap handsome

benefits from knocking Haw-

Business Technology is

Tony Berry's chance to make

a comeback after Blue Arrow.

The group's potential lies in

its photocopying service side, about 7,000 machines. The

shares are speculative, but

worth backing on Mr Berry's

proven ability to build on a

ker into shape.

small base.

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million next year.

down, it says. The institute says the small amount of money made available to east Europe through Britain's "know-how fund" has beloed win valuable contracts for Britain and enabled it to design the mass-privatisation voucher systems for Poland and Czechoslovakia. On British privatisations,

the report carries a contribu-

tion from Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, who defends of the former state-owned companies. He stresses that BT, which has come in for widespread criticism for what are seen as excessive profits, is investing more than its £2.1 billion profit. The water companies were also investing more than their profits. Other contributors argue that privatised utilities' higher than expected profits indicate that they do not face sufficient competition. They call for a tougher regulatory and competition regime to correct the situation.

# Opec prepares for a Valentine massacre

raq is still a parlah in the West and the economic embargo appears to be having a disastrous impact on the country's civilian population. But the regime of Saddam Hussein is proving adept at circumventing certain aspects of the embargo, and black market trade in Iraqi petroleum prod-ucts, particularly with Tur-key and Jordan, is helping fund the reconstruction of the war-ravaged oil industry. Unofficial sources say

lraq is now supplying about 5 per cent of Turkey's domestic petrol consumption, and the share is growing daily, with as many as 600 filling stations now dealing indirectly with Baghdad. Two factors have worked

in President Saddam's favour. The first was the change of government in Turkey, which brought to power a coalition headed by Suleyman Demirel that can afford to be more conciliatory towards Baghdad than the previous regime, which

was fiercely anti-Saddam during the Gulf war. Second, the recession is spreading its tentacles east-wards and Turkey feels that it can no longer afford the loss of revenue which it normally earns from the export of Iraqi oil through the Mediterranean port of Ceyhan. The Demirel govceynan. The Demirel government is even considering lodging a claim for compensation of \$250 million from the United Nations for failing to reach agreement with Iraq over the terms of the sale of \$1.6 billion of oil billion of oil.

The claim is unlikely to succeed but it will be favourably received by an impatient Turkish popula-tion and puts additional pressure on the United Nations to secure some sort of deal with Saddam, who is vehemently opposed to con-trolled sales of Iraqi crude and wants to be welcomed back into the open market. In fact, the role of the

United Nations is becoming somewhat ambiguous, with UN officials in Turkey reported to be approving the import by private busi-nessmen of Iraqi refined products, mainly gasoline and diesel. Energy Compass, the in-

dustry newsletter, reports ing station tanks on to flatbed lorries, converting them into makeshift tankers that can be driven across the Turkish border. The newsletter claims that these incursions are monitored by the United Nations. which issues approval orders on request.

While the black market is thriving, official channels between the United Nations in New York and Pres-Saddam's representatives appear to

CRUDE OILS (S/harrel FOB)



Fuel from Iraq: Turkey's Suleyman Demirel

be blocked. Kofi Annan, assistant secretary general of the United Nations, is expected to meet Iragi officials in Vienna early this year, but there is little cause for optimism. Iraq refuses to recognise the authority of the sanctions committee and continues to argue that it has the right, as a member of Opec, to sell its full

President Saddam deplores the UN plan, which envisages oil revenues paid into a compensation fund from which war reparations may be paid to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia while making available some money for humanitarian needs, such as medicine, in Iraq.

The United Nations has a

new secretary general — Boutros Boutros Ghali, an Egyptian, who took up the position on Wednesday who may adopt a different stance at the negotiating table. Meanwhile, President Saddam continues to garner support in the Middle East and the Mediterranean, where there is a greater desire to see normal trade resume soon.

rowing acceptance

That Iraq must sooner or later be welcomed back into the market — and probably on terms that satisfy Baghdad — undermined oil prices in the than offsetting the negative that surrounds the continuity of supplies from the former Soviet Union, the world's largest oil producer. Having peaked at \$23 a barrel on November 21. North Sea Brent has

slumped to \$18.58. November's strong oil markets were supported by fears that the Soviet Union export commitments. This concern was given credence when export licences were suspended as the beleaguered government attempted to assess domestic winter consumption. The review is continuing, aithough much of the work has been done and now the original problems have proved less severe, no further disruption to product exports is anticipated.

Opec, meanwhile, contin ues to produce more than enough oil to satisfy demand from industrial nations. Output quotas exist but these are effectively an endorsement of a free-forall policy, with most members working flat out to meet - and sometimes exceed - their quotas.

Opec produced 24.2 million bpd in November, more than 500,000 bpd above the voluntary ceiling. which is to be rolled over into the first quarter of 1992. Iraq and Kuwait are producing minimal quantities; working at full capacity, these two nations can contribute a further 4.5 million bpd. Opec can adequately meet the call on its oll in the first quarter, which is estimated at 24.4 million bpd. The crunch will come in the second quarter when the International Energy Agency expects demand to decline to around 22.4 million bpd, some 500,000 bpd less than Opec's own forecast.

If a sharp fall in oil prices is to be avoided at the end of the peak winter quarter a will be required when Oped next meets in February. But all members, including Saudi Arabia, are feeling the impact of the credit crunch in industrial nations and are in the business of maximising revenues from

The scene is thus set for a St Valentine's day massacre when the cartel meets in the outlook for oil prices remains as murky as ever. MARTIN BARROW

RATES

# FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

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ASDA Gp	8,800	Cadbury 783	Lonrho 1.100	Ryl Bk Scot 1,100
Abbey Nati	1.900	Cm Uruon 317	Lucas 2,900	Sainsbury 2,800
Alld-Lyons	1,800	Courtaulds 1,400	MEPC 446	Scot & New 1,000
Anghan W	349	Enteror Oil 815	Marks Spr 3,000	Sox Power 4,300
Angel Co	1,500	Eurounni U 773	Middled BX 635	Sears 3.100
Ano Wiggn	420	Fisons 5,100	NatWet Bk. 2,800	Svm Trent 574
AB Foods	959	Force 1.600	Nat Fower 3,600	Shell Truns 4,800
BAA	1.300	GRE 4.900	Nth Wst W 937	Smkl Bch 4.300
BAT Inds	6,000	GUS A 517	Nthm Fds 338	Smith Nph 2.100
BET	933	Gen Acc 240	P&O 725	Smith (WH) 390
BICC	1.400	Gen Elec 2,900	Pearson 459	Sun Allnee 636
BOC	764	Glavo 3.800	Pilkington 1,000	TSB 1.700
BP	6.200	Grand Mei 2,000	PowerGen 4,100	Tarmac 1,600
BTR	2,800	Gunness 2.500	Prudential 3,000	Tate & Lyle 1,000
Bk of Scot	4.500	Hanson 3.900	RMC 356	Teseo 9,800
Burclays	3.000	Hawkr Sid 99	RTZ 1,500	Thames W 843
H.	705	Hillsdown 580	Rank Org. 553	Thrn EMI 908
Blue Circle	1,100	ICI 1,100	Reckutt Col 699	Traf House 1,000
Books	1.400	Incheage 863	Redland 404	Unilever 2,700
Brit Acro	950	Kingfisher 1,800	Reed Inti 668	Utd Bisc 659
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Bra Gas	8,300	Ladbroke 3,100	Reuters 1.000	Wellcome 1.500
Brit Steel	5,200	Land Secs 1.000	Rolls Royce 2.400	Whitbd '4' 903
Brit Tele	5,000	Legal & Gn 204	Rothmans 197	Wilms Hild 790
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# Selection process begins for buyer of Medway port

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

THE Medway Port Authority yesterday began the tricky: process of selecting a buyer for Britain's fourth-largest;

Eight would-be operators expressed interest in acquiring the assets of the port which controls facilities on the Medway Estuary in Kent, at Sheerness, Chatham, and a number of smaller wharves before the December 20 deadline for preliminary bids.

Bidders will now have a month to discuss their proposals with the authority and obtain further information, before the February 3 deadline for final offers.

Medway will be the second trust port to be privatised since the Ports Act received royal assent last July. Under the act, 13 others with a turnover of £5 million or more are required to draw up privatisation proposals by mid-1993. Only Ipswich has said it may seek to use a get-out clause in the act to defer privatisation, although uncertainty about the impact of the Channel nunnel on cross-Channel traffic may cause: Dover to do the same.

Management and employees at Medway have formed a bidding consortium under the leadership of the port's chief executive. Peter Vincent. The proposal has financial

# **EC laws** on safety at work to be extended

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

MOST Britons would be delighted if 1992 was a year of peace and prosperity. The prospects of that, however, are not encouraging.

Take comfort, then, from

the knowledge that the European Community has re-solved to make 1992 Europe-an Year of Safety, Hygiene and Health Protection at Work. Fortunately, the Com-munity has given us an extra two months to become acrastorned to one of the world's least catchy names by decreeing that EYOSHAHPAW will not start until March 1.

Beneath the unprepossessing title is a serious message The debate over Britain's unwillingness to adopt the European social charter has distracted attention from decisions by the Community on a raft of health and safety regulations.

Twenty-five Community directives on health and safety are scheduled to be adopted by Britain this year.

Legislation will introduce new standards governing display screen equipment, manual handling of loads, classifi cation, packaging and labelling of dangerous substances. biotechnology, protection of workers from carcinogens, and minimum requirements for every workplace.

Sir John Cullen, the chairman of Britain's Health and Safety Commission, gave warning of a "tremendous workload" for companies and safety regulators in 1992. However, he pledged: "Al-

though we are constrained by the need to implement the directives on time, we wish to ensure that the new regulations will be clear, avoid undue burdens and will positively promote health and safety. We will aim to allow the longest possible time between regulations being made and coming into force, to allow employers time to find out about them and adjust to the new requirements.

Britain's record on workplace health and safety already compares favourably with those of her largest EC partners. According to an analysis of 1990 figures by the Health and Safety Executive, fatal accidents in Britain were substantially lower than in France, Spain and Italy. Only in agriculture were deaths as commonplace. Fatal accidents in manufacturing and services were also lower in Britain than in West Germany, although non-fatal

accidents were similar. The report also highlighted the absence of a single body with responsibility for safety in Britain's parmers, and the greater role played by insurance companies elsewhere in promoting safe practices. The HSE suggested that the lack of co-ordinated responsibility may have a bearing on the higher accident figures.

backing from Charterhouse, the merchant bank. However, the surprise rejection of a management and employee offer for the port of Tees & Hartlepool, the first trust port to seek privatisation, has cast doubts on earlier expecta-

have the inside track. In a parliamentary written answer last month, Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secre-tary, said he was "minded" to accept a recommendation from the Tees & Hartlepool Port Authority that the port should be sold to a consor-tium led by Powell Duffryn for £180 million.

tions that employees would

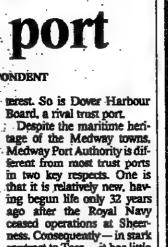
The Tees managers bid only £150 million, believing that the amhority's enthusiasm for employee participa-tion would be diminished if they were to recruit an outside

Maritime Transport Services (MTS), which topped the bidding for Tees with an unsuccessful £202 million offer, is believed to be a keen contender for Medway. MTS operates the Isle of

Grain container terminal on the Medway estuary within which has given it local knowledge and a track record of creating jobs in the area. It also has access to plentiful

Other likely bidders for Medway are believed to inciude Hutchison Whampoa - the Hong Kong conglom-erate which last year bought the port of Felisstowe — Sea Containers, the feny opera-tor, and Ocean Group, which made an unsuccessful £155

million hid for Tees.
Associated British Ports, the quoted former stateowned port operator, is also believed to have expressed in-



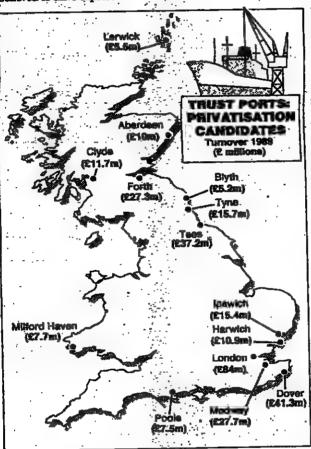
ness. Consequently — in stark contrast to Tees — it has little surplus land available for redevelopment. Indeed, a large part of the £15 million invested by Medway during 1990 was spent on reclaiming land from the sea. "We make our living from cargo handling," Mr Vincent said. "There is not much opportunity to make profits from property development

Medway's other difference is that its centre of operations, Sheppey, an area of high unemployment with a single access road to the mainland. The port, with 650 employ-ces, is the island's largest industrial employer and a key part of the local economy.

The high level of invest-ment has left Medway with debts of £27 million. In 1990, on turnover of £30.5 million, the port made a post-tax profit of £904,000. The most reliable estimates suggest that the underlying worth of the business is £10 to £15 million.

The relative modernity of many of the port's facilities, however, and its southeast location appear to make it While car imports fell last

year, the loss of traffic was compensated by a rise in car exports. Medway is also a base for ferry services to the continent, and imports fruit and timber.



# Assured of a bright future: Mike Wilson, Sir Mark Weinberg, and Lord Rothschild, the deputy chairman Mark Weinberg's career takes off for third time

BY SARA MCCONNELL flict of interests during the

SIR Mark Weinberg's 30year career in the life assurance industry took off for the third time yesterday as JRothschild Assurance, the new company of which he is chairman, started trading.

The company is backed by a £25.4 million capital injection from St James's Place Capital, the investment company chaired by Lord Rothschild. Sir Mark is also joint chairman of St James's Place Capital, which will have a 40 per stake in J Rothschild.

Thirty years ago, Sir Mark set up Abbey Life, followed ten years later by Hambro Life, later sold to BAT Industries and renamed Allied Dunbar. Both firms pioneered the sale of unit linked life assurance in Britain. Two and a half years ago, his career at Allied Dunbar ended when he resigned from the BAT board because of a con-

SUN Alliance, the composite

insurer, has maintained bo-

nuses on all life assurance

and pension policies after cut-

ting rates across the board

last year and in 1988 (Sara

will earn a bonus of 3.5 per

cent on the guaranteed basic

McConnell writes).

Hoylake, used by Lord Rothschild to mount the bid. Sir Mark said yesterday: "I remained as chairman of Al-

attempted takeover of BAT by

lied Dunbar for another 18 months but I wasn't involved. I was in a kind of limbo for the last two years and this was not a good way to finish my career. I wanted to finish on a high note." He became involved with setting up J Rothschild when

St James's Place Capital was approached for funds by Mike Wilson, former group chief executive of Allied Dunbar and chief executive designate of the new company. Scottish Amicable, the life assurance company, has invested £12.7 million in J Rothschild, which will give it a 20 per cent stake. The rest of the company will be owned by its employees. So far, 180 sales-

Sun Alliance pegs bonuses

sum, plus 7.25 per cent of

The value of a 25-year en-

dowment policy maturing in

1992 into which someone has

been paying £30 a month will be £52,020. Of this total.

£25,565 is terminal bonus.

year will be £7.060, while the

existing bonuses.

men have been recruited to the company's direct sales force. Two thirds of these come from Allied Dunbar. which last year tightened the terms of its salesforce's contracts to prevent salesmen soliciting business from Allied after leaving the company.

Mr Wilson said all have could have shareholdings worth £150,000 after three years or £300,000 after five

M&G Investment Management or J Rothschild Investment Management.

value of a maturing 15-year

endowment will be £15,693.

Some of these payouts are

slightly higher than last year

because they attracted capital

bonuses, which are reviewed

Jamie Woods, Sun Alli-

ance's chief actuary, said:

on a monthly basis.

Dunbar clients for a year had at least ten years' sales experience and have average earnings of £50,000 a year. At this level, these employees

years, Mr Wilson predicted. J Rothschild has a range of ten life assurance, pension and investment products. All are unit-linked but investors can choose to invest in the funds of Scottish Amicable.

(Holdings).

Alm Brand, the Danish insurance and banking group, has acquired Barclays Danmark, a Bardays Bank subdisclosed.

Telfos move

#### paid the year the policy The company will again "Our policy over recent years pay a bonus of 3.5 per cent of matures has been gradually to mansum assured, plus 7 per cent age down reversionary bo-The same £30-a-month of existing annual bonuses on nuses to levels in line with our paid into a 10-year endowlife policies. Pension policies view of investment market ment policy maturing this

The European Commission will enter 1992 with 217 of its 282 internal market directives adopted by member states, and with the laggardly southern members slowly catching up the others in translating this legislation into nat-

ional laws. The year 1992, of course, has become a talisman for Europhiles; that is unfortunate, because the commission would have made the internal market programme clearer by at-taching the 1993 label to it.

Since Lord Cockfield, the former British internal market commissioner, proposed the directives in his 1985 single market white paper, the object has been to get them all passed by the end of 1992. The unified market is still, officially, one year off.

The problem with the single mar-ket is that the bulk of its harmonising legislation is deathly dull. Other, more far-reaching aspects of EC politics, such as monetary union, take up most of the media's atten-

The Dutch presidency, for example, claims it has pushed through 31 internal market directives in the past six months; ask the man in the street which of these he remembers - ask an EC journalist even - and the reply might well be a shrug of the

Most people will remember the Dutch presidency for the Maastricht summit, even though the lofty union issues discussed there will not come into effect for the best part of a decade. On the other hand, the single market - the idea that gave the union process momentum - is al-

most upon us. Last month's final internal market council was no more memorable than any of those that went before. Through went those much-talkedThe maturing of Europe's single market in 1992

will bring all-pervasive changes, from airport

**Creditors** 

ask courts

to protect

Zale

EROM PHILLIP ROBINSON

CREDITORS of Zale Corpo-

ration, America's largest jew-

elier which is closing one in

five of its stores, are trying to

force the firm into the protec-

tion of the bankruptcy courts.

One petitioner is Barre, the

Dallas investment company.

which sold its clients more

than \$50 million worth of the

Zale corporate bonds on

which the jeweller defaulted

yesterday. — interest pay-ments of \$52 million went

unpaid at the final deadline.

the first deadline in Decem-

ber, hoping that Christmas

trade would generate suffi-

cient cash to meet the debt

before January 2. However,

Christmas sales fell 11 per

cent. David Glatstein, presi-

dent of Barre, said: "We had

warned everybody, if the com-

pany didn't make its pay-

ments, that we were going to

Mr Glatstein said Zale now

had two options. It could ask

a judge to reject the bankrupt-

cy petition, claiming that the

group was not representative

of the company's creditors; or

it could consent to the filing

and reorganise with protec-

Zale, which operates four

chains - Zale's, Bailey Banks

& Biddle, Gordon's, and

Corrigan's - announced on

Monday that it was closing

400 of its 2,000 stores and

tion from its creditors.

cutting 2,500 jobs.

Zale had already missed

terminals to waste dumps. Tom Walker reports

about laws harmonising boiler eff-iciency (a derogation for Britain here), speed limiters, electromagnetic compatibility and motorcycle type

It is unfair to laugh these off. For motorcycle manufacturers, course, harmonising type standards is important; it means a machine can be prought to market more quickly. Instead of having to get the various parts of a motorcycle technically approved in all 12 member states a process that can take years - one type approval will in future be suffi-

cient for a machine to be sold any-

where in the Community, with its

318 million consumers.

Baggage checks on journeys within the EC are disapproved of by ministers, so airport interiors might have to be redesigned. A non-life insurance directive went through too, promising lower insurance premiums in future because policies can be bought in any member state. From 1994, Greek motorists should be able to buy their car

insurance in Britain. Other single-market directives are still stuck, with little obvious scope for compromise. Ministers were at loggerheads over how to make food safer. Germany and Denmark both favour the single market irradiation directive, under no circumstances, France's more sensitive palate will

countenance. The answer might be to drop the directive altogether. The commis-sion has already had to accept defeat on 19 directives. Will our lives really

be any different because of the sin-

gle market programme? Consumer organisations believe harmonisation will bring lower prices. Although these have not filtered through yet, the predictions will probably prove correct in the long run. With car type standards in place, for example, Europe's carmakers will no longer have to make small model changes for different member states. Consequent economies of scale should make tomor-

row's "Euro-cars" cheaper. Test Achats, a Belgian consume organisation, recently estimated that food prices would come down by 1 or 2 per cent in the unified market; financial services, for the Belgian consumer, should become up to 16 per cent cheaper.

With a minimum rate of valueadded tax (15 per cent) agreed at last between EC countries, there should be a general levelling of prices; a differential of 35 per cent between Belgium and Britain for a compact disc player, for example, is likely to narrow. Test Achats is now calling for the commission to put through a directive enshrining a form of "consumers' charter" that will help the customer benefit from the 1992 programme.

To a certain extent, the commission has already acted in this area; Philippe Wacker, a partner in Wacker & Bates, a European affairs consultancy based in Brussels, says that one of the few areas in which people will be aware of change is in

People will find that in general

they have two weeks to pull out of a contract once they have signed," he says. The directive enshrining such reflection clauses should shake up the time-share and travel industries. Cross-border mail-order shopping should become easier too; prosecution of a supplier will become possible in the country of purchase as well as in that of sale.

M Wacker identifies waste management as another area in which change will be highly visible. The emphasis on recycling will

become much stronger," he says.
"This will be very visibile — no more car dumps, for example." The single market will also witness a boom in the labelling of products. Eco-labelling of foods produced in an environmentally friend-

ly way will become commonplace. After 1992, the commission might introduce health warnings on alcobolic drinks, an industry it has been strangely loth to lay hands on so far. Many of these changes, however,

will not be seen until 1993 at the earliest. "For the man in the street. I don't think 1992 is going to be a very exciting year." M Wacker says. The single market is a very gradual process."

Another variable, of course, is the rate of uptake of single market laws by member states. Denmark still leads the way, with 93 per cent of the 1992 programme already in its national law Britain scores more than 80 per

cent at the moment and recent commission research shows that traditional sloths, such as Italy and Greece, are catching up. Italy, for which Brussels has always been a grey area, has breached the 50 per cent barrier, and both Spain and ireland have pushed through 15 or .16 directives since July.



Britain's pioneering Europhile: Lord Cockfield

# Year delay expected in Nadir trial

former chairman of Polly Peck International, in criminal and civil actions, expect a year's delay before he faces a

fraud trial Peter Lakin of Pannone March Pearson, the law firm, who is representing Mr Nadir in a criminal prosecution brought by the Serious Fraud Office, said the next 12 months would be needed to prepare the defence and meet the prosecution's claims.

Mr Nadir had been represented by Vizard's in the SFO case and by S J Berwin in civil actions brought by his personal creditors and administrators for Polly Peck. Pannone March now handles both criminal and civil cases. The SFO has charged Mr Nadir with more than 70 counts of theft relating to

#### about £160 million. US to rule on MCC plan

The New York bankruptcy court is today expected to approve a plan to co-ordinate insolvency proceedings against Maxwell Communi-cation Corporation on both sides of the Atlantic.

On Tueday, the English High Court approved the signed to overcome conflicts of jurisdiction arising from MCC being simultaneously under Chapter 11 protection in America and administration in Britain.

# **NSA** buyback

North Sea Assets, the offshore services group, has sold its 48 per cent holding in Dramgate, the owner and operator of two specialist offshore support vessels, for £1.2 million. The investment is being sold back to Dramgate and the surplus of £96.000 over the book value will be credited as an extraordinary item.

#### C&C swap

Capital & Counties has exchanged its 48.5 per cent. largely leasehold interest in Nottingham's Victoria Centre for a 20 per cent share in a new partnership formed to acquire the centre's freehold and £34.7 million cash.

#### Courtaulds sale

Courtaulds Wooilens, the Huddersfield manufacturer of woven woollen fabrics, has been acquired by Drummond Group for £695,000 cash from Courtaulds Textile

#### Danish deal

Caird disposal Caird Group has sold the main part of its dry waste division to Cleanaway for £5:42 million in cash and the repayment of £745,000 of

Telfos Holdings, has sold Charles Clifford, Metallisation and Metallisation Ser-

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#### CHANNEL FIVE: THE PERSONALITIES AND FINANCING

# Blind man's bluff with a touch of paranoia

bugging devices has become a prerequisite of participation in any blind-bid competition for a television licence. Indeed, just Cityty, the highly successful one year after television executives began their top-secret hid preparations for the 16 ITV licences awarded last October. another cast of secretive would-be TV impresarios have cluded with many other gone behind dosed doors to finalise their plans for the new Channel 5.

Programme plans and panners are being kept a closely guarded secret by the Channel 5 ringleaders, whose identity. however, has become obvious at various industry conferences dedicated to assessing the very viability of the new terrestrial channel.

"This will be far more secretive than the ITV franchise round. Everything about Channel 5 is new, so no one wants anyone else to copy their ideas," said Chris Rowley, the former Thames executive and IBA head of planning behind the FiveTV consortium.

"We're proposing a mixture. auction we won't say what it is, of local

bsessive use of paper will have a different sense of shredders and de-style, it will be lively and different, not just another ITV or BBC." Mr Rowley promised.

Only two of FiveTV's backers have been revealed -Toronto local station, and Primetime, the independent producers - but Mr Rowley said that deals either have been or are about to be coninvestors.

"Put it this way, we have the only sensible business plan. By the time applications are due, we will be the only applicant," Mr Rowley said, Indeed, rumours of mergers between the main Channel 5 players are rife: and there is speculation that new ITV licencees and those, such as Thames, that lost out last October, will emerge in a consortium.

The other main consortium is being led by Justin Dukes, the former Channel 4 managing director whose efforts together with United Artists and RTE. the Irish state broadeaster, failed to displace HTV in the October 1TV franchise

He will not disclose his part- proceed for a few months yet. and national programmes. It ners' identities, other than to

Melinda Wittstock sought out would-be impresarios for the new channel, but found them

in highly secretive mood

say that discussions are con- dia players just don't want to

"We're still engaged in our around and buy it up after feasibility studies in light of the ITC [Independent Television Commission] guidance. The Channel 5 they are recommending is closer to ITV than we expected, but the rewards are neither as easy nor as obvious as those of ITV. Put it this way, no one has burgled my office yet, but we're still going ahead." Mr Dukes said. Phil Redmond's Mersey Television, the maker of Brookside and Grange Hill which failed to oust Granada. is also a possible C5 bidder. Mr Redmond, an initial pro-

tinuing with other investors.

tors will want to limit their exposure with small stakes, forcing mergers in the coming months of various would-be bidders. But such deals will involve compromises on proponent of the new channel but somewhat discouraged by its economics, said he was talking gramme plans, as many players have rather different ideas to other would-be investors but about what programmes the would not decide whether to channel should run.

tive of Central Television cur-

play the game. Why not stick

someone else has gone bank-

rupt starting it up? I'll be

doing a lot of thinking over my

Christmas pudding, but I

wonder why bother with

same thing for just £4 million a year on the Astra satellite," Mr

Indeed Channel 5 will eat

up so much investment in its

first five years that most inves-

Redmond said.

rently considering participating in a bid for Channel 5. says the channel could only work as a cheap and cheerful Sky One-type light cntertain-

Mr Redmond favours a finely tuned national commercial channel" utilising a mix of low-cost mass appeal productions for a national audience at peaktime and public access programming for a local audience during the day and late at night. "It has to offer the audience something they are not getting elsewhere. A cheap and cheerful ITV2 would be a waste of the air-Channel 5 if you could do the waves," he said.

> hannel X, the independent production company, run by Jon-athan Ross and Mike Bolland, the former Channel 4 deputy director, thinks Channel 5 should run high-quality. original material aimed at 25 to 40-year-olds.

FiveTV, originally propos-ing that Channel 5 be a network of as many as 33 local city TV affiliates. has now not going to be a string of tiny nels." Mr Dukes said.

stations, but we will have a city feel. Mr Rowley said. This meant starting with four or five local opt-outs and expanding the number as revenue allowed. Programming would comprise a mix of news, films and music using a similar formula to Toronto's Cityty.

Moses Znaimer, Citytv's founder and Mr Rowley's partner, gives another hint: "Cityty is not about shows, but what I call flow. The channel has its own character, which the people of Toronto think of as their home channel."

Mr Dukes, who does not think local opt-outs are viable, plans a purely national channel with "a lot of acquired material, but good material that people want to see", including repeats of high-quality dramas and programmes bought in from Europe and

He said he would spend less than £100 million a year on programmes until the channel is making a healthy profit, compared to the £700 million total ITV bill. "It's not cheap and cheerful; it's interesting scaled down its ambitions due and economic, something that Leslie Hill, the chief execu- to high start-up costs. "We're complements the other chan-



Leslie Hill: cheap and cheerful entertainment

# Few runners in race for 'licence to lose money'

High start-up costs mean there will

be no re-run of the Channel 3 scramble **Martin Waller says** 

TELEVISION industry figures are spending time at their desks during the yearend break, grappling with yet another TV franchise round.

This time, the Independent Television Commission, the industry watchdog, will be looking for bidders brave enough to set up from scratch the new Channel 5. It is to start broadcasting no later than the end of 1994.

The franchise battle will take place along the same lines as the bidding for Channel 3 that resulted in the triumphs and disappointments of last October. One thing, however, is different: There are unlikely to be as many disappointed appli-

Industry notables such as Michael Grade, head of Channel 4, have written off the new service as a licence to lose money. Luxembourg's CLT, owner of Radio Luxembourg. has pulled out of the race after assessing start-up costs at £500 million.

Much of this scepticism can be put down to natural rivalry and birchiness within the hothouse world of TV. and to the peculiarly English habit of denigrating any new venture, particularly one in the media. Channel 4 itself was written off as a failure even after broadcasting began: more recently, TV-am was given little chance of surviving its financially troubled first few months.

Channel 5 certainly starts with enormous disadvantages, most of them technical The 33 transmitters are already available or soon will be, but the successful bidder will have to re-tune or modify. at its own cost, an unspecified number of home videos and computers that could be affected by transmissions.

Most viewers will need new aerials, and at least one of the potential broadcasters is toying with the idea of handing these out free to boost initial audiences. Even so, Essex Girl and Colonel Blimp need not apply: the transmission network covers just three quarters of the UK. missing out such prosperous areas as that stretching northeast of London into East Anglia, and most of the south coast. The only way to reach these areas would be to broadcast by satellite, which immediately

bumps up the cost. How the new channel will be financed is a detail left to the bidders. Advertising starts next month and applications are due by April. The winner will be chosen, and the licence awarded, by August, presumably using the same massed phalanx of fax machines that were such a feature of the last francisc round. One of two of the names will probably be familiar from last time.

One option in the commission's draft document for Channel 5 but dismissed by most potential franchiseholders is a network of local stations. Most programming would be common to them all but each station would produce some local material. The main drawback to this would be the high cost, which is not reflected in the tendering

The commission proposes coverage of not less than 40 per cent of the country, a percentage that might have to be relaxed if there are not enough bidders. Nick Ward. media analyst at Smith New Court, a stockbroker, says Thames TV, a loser in the last franchise round, could be the strongest bidder but only if the company fails to find a good price for its planned output elsewhere.

Neil Blackley, at James Capel, another broker, thinks the successful bidder is likely to be a consortium, possibly including Thames and vari ous Continental media groups with pockets given the high cost of the operation. He points out that Channel 5 will probably give access to about three quarters of Britain's population, compared with, for instance. BSkyB's 8 ner cent. That must give it some force

of attraction for investors. The commission recognises the financial constraints on the operator, at least during the early years of the ten-year franchise period. It has estabished a sliding scale for programme content.

The four mandatory broadcasting strands - news, current affairs, children's



Grade: highly sceptical programmes and religious broadcasts - will be phased in gradually

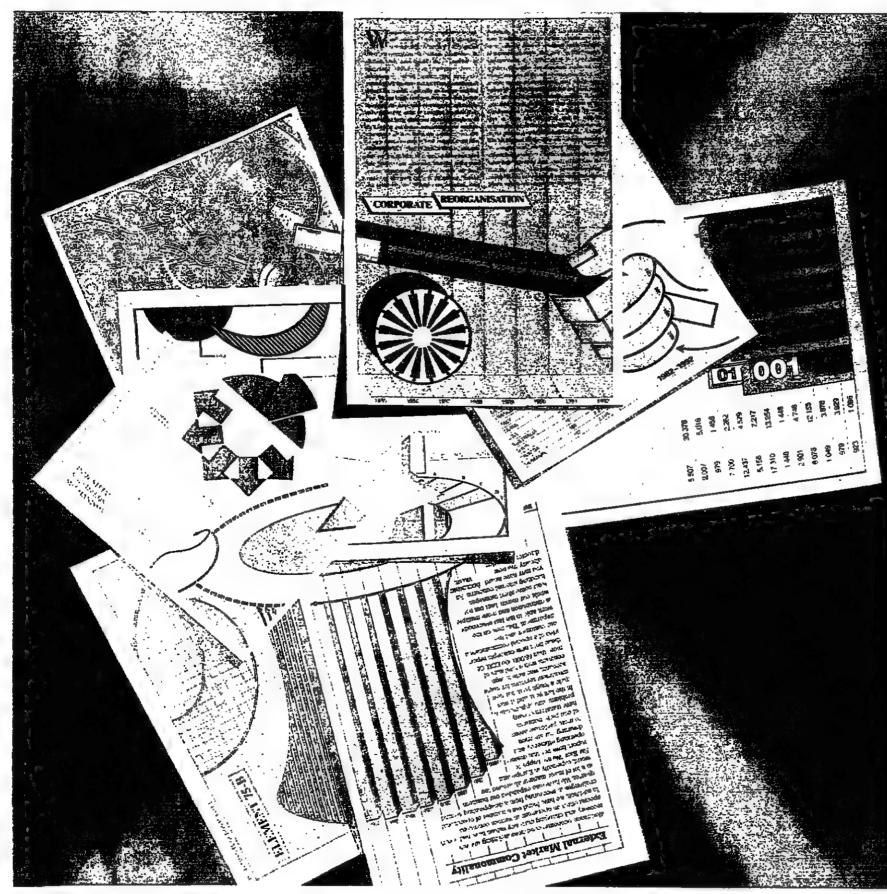
The draft lays down guidelines on the sort of programming expected, setting out another six optional strands

Among potential bidders, a split is emerging between those who want more of the same - a service pitched between the two BBC channels and ITV - and those offering an entirely different appmach. This would include for example, financing based at least in part on subscription fees for premium movies as well as a regional network.

The commission expects bidders to satisfy a "quality threshold" and to submit a cash bid, the highest nema the winner, but there will again be an "exceptional circumstances" let-out to allow the licence to go to a lower bidder. That means the confusion surrounding the Channet 3 franchise round is likely to be repeated. How far that will deter bidders remains to

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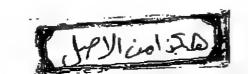
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# Much ado about nothing much

These are trying times for investors aiming to read some deep significance into the strong movements in London share prices over the past two weeks. They have been led to believe by the more imaginative of the media that the City has been licking its lips in anticipation of good times to. come, or that the markets have been cheered by the Prime Minister's seasonal message.

These are thin times in the markets, with many dealers taking leave when they know there will be little business to justify a return from the ski slopes or a departure from the fireside. Prices are volatile as reluctant market-makers adjust to protect their books. Hence a 10 per cent rise in a substantial stock such as Wellcome on a mere 2 million shares traded. That is no indicator of a substantial shift of investor opinion about the company or a judgment on the fundamentals of its business.

The stock market has been inward looking, far more concerned with technical book positions and the interplay of stock futures with the physical market in shares than the economy. The fragility of it all was amply shown yesterday by the 37 point rise in early trading followed later by a fall that wiped away all the gains and more as soon as Wall Street opened lower. The serious business of investment will not resume until the City is fully staffed again and a consensus reached about the likely course of

Typically, the marker's eyes will be on the Prudential whose heavyweight decisions to buy the market have been a widely followed January feature of recent years. While January is usually a buoyant month for shares, attempting to read some enduring economic message into price movements at this time of year is apt to be a fruitless if not

# Eastern message

The media event of yesterday, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, persuading a disbelieving Britain that recovery is upon us, underlined again the subservience of the Old Lady to the demands of Downing Street. The fulfillment of any yearnings Mr Leigh-Pemberton might have for Bundesbank-like independence have plainly to wait. But an awesome display of central bank independence, which might easily go unnoticed in gloom-shrouded Britain, could be witnessed over the Christmas holiday in Jerusalem. There, Jacob Frenkel, the new governor of Bank of Israel, demonstrated how much freedom for manoeuvre the head of a central bank can enjoy in a parliamentary democracy.

Faced with the cost burden of mass immigration from the former Soviet empire, Israel has met firm American resistance to granting credit guarantees for \$10 billion of oans. Washington wants a more compliant Israel at the Middle East peace conference tables in return for financial favours. An end to funding for Jewish settlements on Arab land would also please

In spite of the fact that the tragile Israeli coalition government's future was on the line. Mr Frenkel openly urged the politicians to curb the budget deficit to 5.5 per cent of gdp, instead of the 6.2 per cent approved by the cabinet. He argued that this would contain inflation, draw the teeth of American criticism, and remove the risk of loan guarantees being withheld.

A pilgrimage to the Holy City might be in order for the governor's political masters. That way he might be granted more independence before: European monetary union arrives.

# Safeguarding pension plans from pilfering by employers

Employers have almost a free hand in running

pension funds. New rules are needed to stop abuse, says Sean Hand,

pare a thought for members of the Mirror Group pension unds. Imagine your outrage if your home were burgled and your possessions stolen. You have had little fear of burglary

because only recently you installed a security system. On challenging the

manufacturers of the system about

his failure, you are told that your case

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is exceptional. The system has worked well in the past.
On further enquiry, you discover you have no redress against the manufacturer (who enjoys statutory protection) and you cannot recover the stolen property, because it has been bought by persons acting in good faith. Worst of all, owing to a misunderstanding with the direct debit mandate, your property insur-ance cover was withdrawn before

the burglary. You approach the security industry's trade association, to be told that your security system was based on sound engineering principles. Even if there were small imperfections, the association would not disturb everyone else who had fined the system by suggesting that it was

Almost 25 million people in the UK — more than half the sdult population - are members or beneficiaries of pension schemes. About 19 million belong to occupational (employer-sponsored) schemes and the remainder have taken out personal pension plans. By 1990, the value of UK pension funds had rea-ched £254 billion. In that year, a survey of the largest 100 occupational pension schemes showed that the smallest had assets worth £501 million; the figure for the largest was £12 billion.

Homes apart, pension funds are the only substantial investments that most people will make. However, despite the huge wealth of some funds and their immense importance to so many people, they are the least regulated of all investments.

After the Mirror Group disaster. the prime minister said in exaspera-tion to the House of Commons: "We have greatly tightened the protecrecent years. Nothing, of course, can be complete proof against criminality." One can sympathise. The question that must be going through many people's minds is: why did no one notice what was going on in the Mirror Group pension funds in time to prevent the huge losses that have been reported? The answer is simple. No external

monitoring those immediately involved in managing and investing the funds. In short, where trustees (for whatever reason) are unable to do their duty, there is nothing to stand between an avaricious em-

CITY DIARY



Campaigning for company pensioners' rights: Sean Hand, of Cameron Markby Hewitt

loyer and the company pension

In the past few weeks, supporters of trusts have been peddling the myth that such arrangements are effective in separating pension funds' assets from those of the sponsoring employers and, therefore, in safeguarding members' benefits. Experience indicates that the medieval machinery of trust law works because of the integrity of many asion scheme trustees, rather than because of its intrinsic strength. Pension trusts repay close examination, because they are odd

Schemes such as those established by Mirror Group are written in trust because, provided they meet requirements laid down by the Inland Revenue, there are valuable tax

he employer com monly appoints the trustees, who might include himself, diparry or, for that matter, anybody he chooses. He determines how much he wishes to pay into the scheme. He can structure it in such a way that the trustees may exercise no discretion without his consent, and are obliged to carry out his decisions. The employer appoints an actuary. to advise on the funding rate necessary to provide the desired benefits at the appropriate future date. The actuary is not accountable.

He has a limited statutory reporting function and relies almost totally on information passed to him by the employer and/or the trustees. The employer frequently appoints the auditors and legal advisers. too. though their fees might well be paid out of the fund. Again, these experts are not, in practice, accountable to the scheme's beneficiaries. They might be precluded from advising the beneficiaries or the trustees if serious differences of interest with the employer arise.

It is not obligatory for either the trustees or the employer to obtain advice from them - or indeed, from anyone else — before making an investment decision. That is for the trustees to decide. However, a penthat it is not set up as an expression of the employer's benevolence. It gives effect to a contractual promise made by the employer to his emolovees.

The assets of most big pension

funds are invested by professional fund managers, but remain legally vested in the trustees. There is no formal control over the appointment of pension fund trustees.

The medieval machine, however, is not all bad. Beneficiaries have some legally protected rights. They are entitled to: ☐ Inspect the pension scheme ac-

counts and other trust documents; Receive full and accurate information about trust property: Have the terms of the trust

Apply to a court or to the pensions ombudsman to determine questions arising from the execution of the

The reality, however, in schemes where abuse is practised, is that inquisitive members can be stonewalled, discredited or simply outgunned by the employer with his legal and actuarial arsenal.

Given the importance of pension might have thought that these would have some say in investment strategy, or at least be given the courtesy of up to date information. Unfortunately, that is not the case.

The law does not recognise any

in the investment of final salary schemes. No matter how large the surpluses, members who leave such schemes before retiring are entitled in law only to the cash equivalent of their accrued benefits. A man in his forties could receive about half the pension that might have been paid if his transfer value had been increased at the discretion of the employer or the trustees.

Trustees may take decisions on disposal of surpluses - with the blessing, and indeed at the behest, of the Inland Revenue — without non-fying beneficiaries. I will be submitting evidence to the parliamentary select committee on social security in the new year. I believe a government-sponsored survey is needed to determine the extent and type of pension fund abuse in Britain, and my firm has offered to organise it. Pending the outcome of such a survey, proposals for reform must be tentative. I offer the following:

1. Either the powers of an existing regulatory body should be increased to cover the management and investment of occupational pension schemes or a new regulatory body should be formed with powers to protect threatened pension fund

2. Trustees of occupational pension schemes or directors/officers of corporate trustees should be re-quired to satisfy "fit and proper person" criteria.

3. There should be strict supervision of the investment of pension fund assets by the regulatory body: those handling such assets should be obliged to satisfy themselves (for example, by actuarial certification) that he investments are proper.

4 "Impulsory insurance of trustees is needed, together with bonding of all third parties handling pension fund assets.

5. Employers should be prohibited from being mustees.

6. Random audits on pension

fund investments should be conducted by a government-appointed watchdog, with powers to take appropriate protective action if the need should arise. 7. There should be greater ac-

countability to beneficiaries, including pensioners and deferred pen-

8. Pensioners' benefits should be retained within occupational schemes only where liabilities are fully underwritten by separate insurance policies, otherwise such benefits should be bought out with insurance companies of pensioners

9. Schemes above a specified size should appoint independent trustees, accountable to the appropriate regulatory authority and to beneficiaries, and responsible for day-today monitoring.

The lesson of the Mirror Group disaster, and of many other instances of pension fund abuse, is that we must have the humility to spite its pedigree, has shortcomings. Courage is needed to identify and remove them.

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#### Stoleru rides again

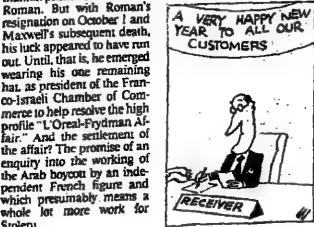
LIONEL Stoleru, a Frenchman and a friend of the late Robert Maxwell, has once again risen to the forefront of French business affairs by playing a key role in the settlement of a mud-slinging court case brought against L'Oreal, the French cosmetics company, by Jean Frydman, a former Parisian employee. Frydman claimed L'Oreal had dispensed with his services as an executive so as not to fall foul of the anti-Jewish Arab boycott. Stoleru, a minister for labour when Valery Giscard D'Estaing was France's centrist president. but who turned socialist in 1988, had his fortunes revived by Robert Maxwell last May when, on the sacking of socialist prime minister Michel Rocard and his government, he lost his portfolio. Within hours of Stoleru ceasing to be a minister, Robert Maxwell made him economics overlord of The European. Despite his Paris base, Stoleru, aged 54, also became economics adviser to the Romanian prime minister, Petre Roman. But with Roman's resignation on October 1 and Maxwell's subsequent death, his luck appeared to have run out. Until, that is, he emerged wearing his one remaining hat, as president of the Franco-Israeli Chamber of Commerce to help resolve the high profile "L'Oreal-Frydman Affair." And the settlement of the affair? The promise of an enquiry into the working of the Arab boycon by an independent French figure and which presumably means a

Stoleru.

PERHAPS Christmas sales were so bad, they are best forgotten. The Woodworth store in Yeovil, Somerset, removed its Christmas decorations on Christmas eve. It then immediately began offering for sale items reminiscent of another festive occasion . . . Easter eggs.

#### Trust them

THE old year ended on an exhausted but jubilant note for Training Trust, the charily which organises an annual team challenge in which British companies try to raise as much money as they can for Romanian orphanages. The year's contest, which ran from December 11 to 19, raised £100,000 and threw up its usual array of bizarre stunts, including the world's biggest Christmas card, a giant Christmas pudding and a collection of pink elephants. The Danum Hotel in Doncaster collected as many Christmas puddings as it could find and turned them into a 50lb monster. Gwynedd Health Authority created a 52ft long Christmas card, flown by helicopter to all hospitals in its area. West



Midlands Fire Service shipped five large pink inflatable elephants to France, Spain, Romania, Portugal and Ireland, while Unipart. which makes components for the motor trade, took a more direct approach and shipped a truckload of supplies to Romania. But the booby prize must surely go to the two employees of Elstons, a software company in Leicester. who dressed up in gorilla suits and spent a night in a

# cage in their local zoo.

Booby prize BARCLAYS de Zoete Wedd's smaller companies research team has decided to test its clients with a festive quiz about some of the shares it follows. The questions are far less exciting than the prizes: a bottle of champagne or an all expenses paid evening with Andrew Holland, a lively member of the team that is ranked second in Extel's ratings. A cryptic note adds: "The rest of the team accepts no responsibility nor has any sympathy for anyone opting for the latter!"

Forward to history THE new year has ushered in the final ignominy for the late Robert Maxwell. For the first time in nine months, his name is no longer on the masthead of the Daily News, the paper he bought with such triumphant glee last year and which made the Big Apple welcome him as a hero. The paper has also cancelled his slogan "Forward with New York," which he forced it to introduce in place of New York's Picture Newspaper. In a page two editorial, Jim Willse, the paper's editor and publisher, explains that the

Maxwell words were "an admirable sentiment to be sure, but not the truest reflection of the Daily News personality. The tone's a little too heavy, too imperial." Just like the man, many New Yorkers were perhaps thinking. Willse continued: "We're reclaiming an informal title we've had for years, one that says clearly what we are and what we will be for a long time: New York's Hometown newspaper.

# Suit symphony

GIVEN the plight of most retailers, staff at the new Moss Bros flagship store in Covent Garden, London, could not believe their luck when, a few days before Christmas, they received a request for 60 tuxedos. Their joy, however, named to frenzied activity when the 60 men began to arrive to specify their individual requirements. It quickly became clear that off-the-peg garments, even with one or two minor alterations, would not do. For the 60 men in question were members of the Jerusalem Symphony Or-chestra. The cellist needed particularly long trousers, so that they would appear the correct length when he sat down with his legs wide apart, the violinists wanted wide jackets with long sleeves so that the right amount of cuff still showed when their arms were raised, while the percussionist complained that whenever he played the cymbals, his head disapneared beneath his shoulders. Moss Bros's solution was to cut deeper armholes in the jacket and advise him not to

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# BUSINESS LETTERS

#### Two tax mistakes that have triggered recession

From Mr C.D. Cobbett Sir, Your correspondent Barrie Milns (letters, Business News, December 31) casts doubt on the wisdom of increasing income tax relief on mortgages for home buyers.

The British economy is in dire straits as the direct result of two fiscal measures. One adversely affects the motor industry by punitive taxation on the use of company cars less than four years old. The other, much more seriously, discourages home ownership throughout the price range.

The Government is relying on a consumer-led revival of the economy, starting with

#### Cost of distorting the homes market

From D.J. Lewis Sir.The current government intervention into the housing market to attempt to arrest the impact on prices of sales by mortgagees in possession. is a predictable yet deeply unfortunate further step to continue subsidies and thus distortions within the housing market.

In articles and leader comment, you rightly state that lower house prices would benefit everyone in real terms. Those who bought at the top of the market and paid artificially inflated prices are undoubtedly suffering unfortunate consequences, but there are other welfare safety nets to minimise such distress. Such benefits should, of course, be based strictly on overall need, not merely the specific problem of inability to meet mortgage interest commitments.

Subsidies, government or private, are usually perceived as lowering prices. The fact is, however, that lower prices in-

the housing market. That market thrived, without government interference, when tax relief on interest was restricted only to house purchase for owner occupation. without regard to amount or price. The market was destabilised by government foolishness when the cessation of double tax relief on mortgages was advertised.

The economy will be revived by restoring confidence in the housing market. There can be no danger of an explosion of house prices when a recession coupled with rising unemployemnt are so deeply

disturbing. Mobility of labcrease demand that increases ance of artificial wealth and prices elsewhere in the eco-

nomic chain. Subsidies on houses through capital and income tax exemptions and relief reduce the cost to the consumer and therefore increase the demand, which in the end increases prices.

Similarly, artificial rent controls and subsidies reduce the price of leased accommodation below the level to give a fair return on cost. Thus, the supply becomes limited and the price of alternative owner-occupied property is

The current proposal to artificially stop part of the supply of houses reaching the market continues the process of lowering the actual or apparent annual price of occupation and thus artificially increases the price that purchasers can afford to pay for houses (or in practice restrains the drop).

The rise in residential prices through the Seventies and Eighties at about double the rate of inflation was unsustainable, even if politically helpful. It created an appear-

our is greatly assisted by the ability to sell one home and buy another.

It is no solution to make many more homes available to rent. Only special tax concessions as in the Business Expansion Scheme make such developments viable. The maximum ceiling value for such properties is £85,000, nationwide. Does your correspondent need to have that limitation explained to him? Yours faithfully, CYRIL D. COBBETT, 14 Elms Avenue,

Lilliput, Poole, Dorset.

encouraged a propensity to borrow of such intensity that the inevitable downturn that followed is of such severity.

The long awaited adjustment must be allowed to take its course without further government-inspired distortion so that average prices and costs in this country may return to a sustainable level in relation to average incomes.

We will know when a normal market has returned when predictions and indexes are published that refer to the relationship between average incomes and average annual interest payments, not between incomes and prices. Capital values are created by actual and estimated income levels, not the other way around.

Yours faithfully, D.J. LEWIS, FRICS. David Lewis & Partners, Catherine House, 76 Gloucester Piace,

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### Poll tax fiasco

From Mr G. Dunn Sir. I agree with Michael Coultes (Business News, December 24) who wonders which world the Adam Smithians inhabit. When public companies make colossal financial blunders they are liquidated and after the poll tax fiasco, one would have thought the Adam Smith Institute would have at least kept a very low profile for many years to come.

Instead here is its director popping up with a crude version of one of the many halfbaked ideas which were widely discussed and discredited in the Thirties. Just as the poli tax would never have been perpetrated if Adam Smith's principles of taxation in The Wealth of Nations had been followed, may i suggest a study of, say, Major C. H. Douglas's works on Social Credit and the experiment in Alberta in 1935 which would give a perspective on a scheme similar to the one proposed.

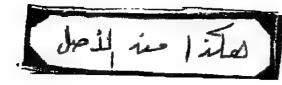
Yours faithfully GORDON DUNN, 7 Achilubuie. Ullapooi, Wester Ross.

#### Name blunder

From Margot Owles Sir, My husband and I bought BT shares jointly, and his name appeared on the share certificate first. The registration form for the new issue arrived, of course, in his name. My husband died on October 10. When completing the form I crossed out his name, substituted my own, and added a note to the effect that he had died on October 10.

I signed the application and I signed the cheque. The share certificate arrived vesterday giving his name as the registered holder!

Yours truly. MARGOT OWLES. Greystones, Cheddar Road, Wedmore, Somerset,



STOCK MARKET

# Rise comes before a new year fall

coaster ride on the first day's trading of the new year as share prices saw an early rise of almost 40 points eroded. The FT-SE 100 index showed a loss on the day of 0.3 of a point at 2,492.8, having seen a lead of 37.7 points replaced by a fall of 10.6 points after Wall Street opened lower. The Dow Jones industrial average suffered a fall of 13 points in early trading, so bringing its recent recordbreaking run to a halt after the latest economic news contained further evidence of the American economy slipping

London's recent dramatic rise has been largely technical and fuelled by Wall Street's performance. City fund maningly worried about the economy despite the words of reassurance from the prime minister. The Governor of the Bank of England added his weight vesterday, saving that there was no immediate need for higher interest rates. But investors seemed unmoved by his comments. Only government securities were able to draw any comfort from his remarks, with gains of £1 2 at

back into recession.

the longer end. Analysis in the retail sector spent a busy day, contacting how well or how badly they did during the Christmas period. The general feeling is that most of the big chains will report a slight improvement in sales, but consumer confidence remains fragile and there is still no hard

ing on Monday with a report on its Christmas trading, followed by Ratners, the jeweller, 3p lower at 24p, on Tuesday. Dixons, reporting rose 4p to 209p. Argos eased 2p to 271p, Kingfisher 8p to 475p, Body Shop 4p to 350p, and Marks and Spencer 1 2p to 277p. Storehouse moved against the trend with a rise of 2 2p to 92p. Sears. which has made a £22 million disposal in America, fell 212p

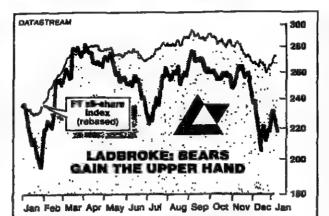
The food retailers appeared more confident and seem to have done somewhat better in the run-up to the festive period. Sainsbury fell 4p to 373p as some investors switched into its rival, Tesco. 5p better

The shares in Ladbroke, the betting, hotels and property group, made a bad start to the year, sliding 13p to 219p after an apparent raid on the shares. Dealers believe that a large line of stock has been circulating in the market this week. Until it can be placed, it will only continue to depress the price. There were also unconfirmed reports that BZW is about to publish a bearish circular.

Ladbroke has been out of favour with fund managers for sometime in the Square Mile. The hotels side has suffered because of the weak dollar, which has deterred American tourists from travelling abroad. Property remains depressed on both sides of the Atlantic while the average betting man seems happy enough to leave his money in his pocket.

SmithKline Beecham continued to respond to last

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week's decision by the American Food and Drug Administration to allow the group to market Relafen, its anti-in-

spent a volatile afternoon before losing some of its recent gains with a fall of 15p to 838p. Wellcome continued to

Lucas Industries, which has just lost its place in the top 100 shares, eased 2p to 113p. The slump in the automotive industry has hurt, but the group's fortunes may soon change for the better. Big incentives are to be offered next year to motorists to switch to diesel under the EC legislation for cleaner cars. Lucas is Europe's biggest producer of diesel components. One to watch this year.

flammatory drug, in America. The shares finished 4p up at 900p, having briefly touched 950p. Rival Glaxo

go from strength to strength. adding 24p to an all-time high of £11.24 as investors became increasingly excited

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about the group's chances of finding a way to treat Aids. Fisons rose 10p to 336p.

Fast-growing Medeva con-tinued to make headway, rising 3p to 225p. The group is seen by some brokers as a future Glaxo or SmithKline Beecham. It has made several acquisitions in America and analysts expect pre-tax profits in the current year to leap more than four-fold to £16 million.

The banks saw the bulk of their gains wiped out as Sir John Quinton, the chairman of Barciays Bank, issued a warning on Channel 4's Business Daily that the provisions for bad debt among the high street banks in 1991 would not be far short of the previous year's £3.5 billion. He added that there were few signs of encouragement for 1992. The banks begin reporting next month.

Bardays lost 9p to 370p Midland 3p to 212p. and Abbey National 8p to 287p. after touching 300p. Lloyds managed a 2p rise to 394p. National Westminster 2p to 279p, Bank of Scotland 1p to 117p, Royal Bank of Scotland 2p to 162p and Standard Chartered 3p to 422p. All of them closed below their best for the day.

The insurance composites achieved surprisingly generous rises as investors turned to the sector because of its recovery potential.

Commercial Union rose 8p to 490p. General Accident 10p to 468p, Guardian Royal Exchange 7p to 118p. Royal insurance 11p to 251p and Sun Alliance 13p to

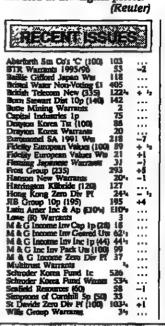
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# as investors take profits

started the new year moder-ately lower as investors took record-breaking year-end ral-ly, analysts said.

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# WALL STREET Dow drops

New York - Share prices profits from the market's

The Dow Jones industrial average was 9.83 points low-er at 3.159 in morning trading after falling as low as 3,152. In the broader market, declining issues outnumbered rising shares by nine to

☐ Frankfurt - The Dax index was steady after a buoy-ant start, closing at 1,601.88, just above the key 1,600 level on the first trading day of the new year

ular helped the Dax to its 23.90-point closing gain, al-though light profit-taking in the course of the day had



evidence of a recovery. Boots, down 4p at 425p, is expected to start the ball roll-Bid Offer +/-ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS | The color | The

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# Inventors 'need national network'

BY DEREK HARRIS

BIG improvements in support for inventors are called for in a study by Business in the Community (BITC), which especially urges the creation of a national network that Innovators could readily turn to for help. BITC argues that there is a strong case for a subsidy scheme, funded either by government or industry, to give initial help to inventors, possibly repayable from

It points out that affordable help from professionals can be invaluable and it praises the Chartered Institute of Patent Agents, which operates a free initial 45-minute consultation, advising on protection of intellectual property.

BITC's aim has been to look at the position of the first-time inventor or innovator in a small business, prompted by its association with the Prince of Wales Award for Innovation scheme. It has drawn on the experience of the year-old BP Innovation Line scheme. Line (local investment networking company), which already has wide coverage in Britain, points the route to a national support network: it offers innovators free and impartial professional advice and other forms of help. including finding finance.

Line agencies aim to build up a portfolio of local investors, willing to put up anything from £5,000 to

£250,000 for early-stage technical business ideas. BITC urges the creation of a panel system to monifor the progress of innovations. It could also give advice on what can be a tricky issue: whether an innovator should go for business startup or licensing the idea.

The study. Support for Inventors and Innovators in the UK. includes a list of sources of help for inventors. Free copies are available at Business in the Community. 227A City Road, London, ECIV ILX. Telephone: 071-253

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# Tale of the Heal Farm hampers

By WIDGET FINN

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ANNE Petch has an end-of-theyear peak in her farm business because seasonal hampers account for 30 per cent of her annual turnover, but she also sells traditional meats, using pork from her own herd of old-fashioned breeds of pigs. These are butchered, salt-ed and smoked at Heal Farm, Umberleigh, Devon - but only for now, as EC regulations threaten change. Mrs Peich was given her first pig at 15. When she married, she started keeping Gloucester-shire Old Spots, familiar from nursery rhyme illustrations.

She paid £150 for a sow in 1974; the price is probably less today. She had seven rare breeds five years later, but the cost of feeding them natural ingredients came to more than the cheques that she received from the local abattoir. Commercially, the pigs were the wrong shape and too hairy for modern fashions, but Mrs Petch knew that the flavour of the meat was outstanding.

In 1979, she was faced with the choice of reducing the herd or marketing the meat herself. She found a local butcher to make up sausages to traditional recipes, but demand soon outstripped his capacity. By selling some farmland, Mrs Petch and her husband, Richard, raised the cash to convert the farm buildings into a butchery, packaging unit, brine room and smoker.

Mr Petch has other business interests, so his wife runs the

farming operation. Heal Farm has no advertising budget. The mailing list of regular customers has been built up from personal recommendation. In 1981, an ar-ticle in a national newspaper attracted 14,000 inquiries and it took Mrs Petch and her staff seven months to complete the responses.

The Heal Farm herd of 35 sows and three boars are tended by two herdsmen. The total staff - about ten, together with students who help in the Christmas rush — is unchanged from the early days of the business. "But," Mrs Petch says, "we've learnt to work more efficiently. As a mail-order business, which is a bespoke service. our success depends on good administration.

Six years ago, she marketed the first Heal Farm hampers. They contain an entire Christmas day menu, from home-cured bacon and pork sausages for breakfast through to Dorset Vinney cheese and handmade chocolates after the turkey (which is free-range) and Christmas pudding. Mrs Petch says: "It's nice to be

able to buy from other small, quality businesses. We include a number of local products like the giant honeycomb from our neigh-bour, Paddy Wallace, and a goat's cheese in olive oil, which was developed specially for us." Such attention to quality and

detail does not come cheap and the hampers cost £195 or £390, including courier delivery. Heal Farm has a turnover of £300,000

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The project, known as Oction 3. is aimed at companies in the Tec's area that are big enough tchave a management team in pace. A programme usually lasts about a year. Up to £15,000 towards consultancy costs is possibl: under the scheme. Details from he Tec on freephone 0800 800 22.

☐ A bi-monthly newsletter aimed at helping professional advisers to small businesses, particularly on sources of finance, has been started by Graham Bamock & Partners, the London consultant that specialises in small and medium-sized enterprises. The first issue compares bank charges in the UK and Germany, concluding that British banks score rather better than German ones.

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# Fancy a spin in a streamlined lettuce?

A good title can speed a car to success, but the wrong one can spell disaster. Kevin Eason plays the name game

he Japanese executives were in a state of high excitement. Their employer, a leading motor company, had spent hundreds of millions of pounds designing and marketing a luxury car, and its Tokyo launch had been a huge success. Now Mitsubishi was ready to show the car to the

That is when the ceremony went wrong. The car, one of the British journalists pointed out, had a fatal law. It was called the Diamante. In the West, the motoring writer delicately pointed out, that name meant "a powdered-glass crystal"; in other words, a fake diamond...

The Japanese were dumbstruck. Here was a superb saloon, a Car of the Year in Japan, and they had burdened it with a name that in Britain would be met with sneers and jeers, if only from rival

In the event, the Diamante was exported, but only after it had been quietly "re-badged" as the Sigma,

the 18th letter of the Greek alphabet. Hardly a word with built-in, world-beating desirability, but a lot safer than a name that conjures up images of the girl at the British finals of Come Dancing in her diamante frock with every sparkling sequin sewn on by her mother.

Motor manufacturers spend millions developing cars, planning the engines and interiors and worrying over who will want to buy them. Then the companies marketing departments set about giving them an image.

Yet the name is often one of the most important factors in attracting car buyers. A new model might go faster, look smarter and be safer and more economical than its rivals, but would you really want to boast to your friends that you had just bought the latest "Ford Banana"?

Some names simply do not live up to the images buyers expect of their cars, which probably ex-plains the huge numbers lying on

the files of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. Each manufacturer applies to have the latest model name entered into a 60-page booklet kept

component manufacturers. The society's list of almost 3,500 model names gives an insight into the sometimes bizarre workings of car marketing departments, which often come up with a name before there is a car on which to

by the society, which represents car and commercial vehicle and

stick the badge. Ford, for example, must at some time have decided to follow up the Cortina. Anglia and Capri with the Andorra ... but then had a change of mind. Vauxhall holds the title Cherish (a bit twee. perhaps) and even La Bamba

(definitely naff). Aston Martin holds the rights to Le Rosey, although why the "James Bond" luxury sports saloon maker thought that would lure buyers is a mystery.

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over the years, have been aimost fanatical in registering names, including the Ark (a suitably large carrier, perhaps, for people and animals, with special wet-weather capabilities?), the Arrow, Check-mate, Eagle, Fame, Finale, Pi-nesse, Firebird, Hornet, Idea, Magic and Stallion.

step on it - there's a Rabbit coming up behind.

A due to the company's future model plans may lie in the fact that last year it reserved the name Wolf. surely one aptly applicable to a sports car, such as the successor to the old MGB, perhaps?

hen it comes to choosing names, however, the Japanese have no peers. In Japan, you can see the Mazda Scrum, the Toyota Celsior and (my favourite) the Honda Lettuce. Let us hope it never bumps into a Rabbit, Volkswagen's name in the United States for the Golf.

Nissan, you might think, had learnt its lesson with the Cedric (now defunct here but alive and

well in Japan), the Silvia and the Laurel. The company, however, has launched one of its latest cars with the remarkable name of Leopard J. Ferie. Nobody at Nissan seemed to know why the company should have chosen a title that sounds like the name of an unknown, ageing rock star.

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The Japanese appear not to worry about the meaning of words, only about how they sound. Hence the bizarre names such as Celica.

Fiat, however, is trying to recapture the Daftest Name award by introducing its replacement for the Fiat 500 with the same Italian name throughout Europe, the Cinquecento (pronounced Chinkwe-chentoe). It means 500, although the Cinquecento no longer has a 500cc engine.

Pronunciation could provide hours of fun in Fiat showrooms Britons are not renowned for their grasp of languages. I suspect some potential Fiat buyers will pick a Metro instead.

ROADWISE

# Golf war on thieves

VOLKSWAGEN may fit antitheft devices to its new Golfs. which go on sale in Britain in the spring. The company is following BMW, Peugeot and Renault in fitting engine immobilisers, demanded by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, after meetings with manufacturers about rising car crime. Manufacturers have answered criticisms that they are doing too little for car protection by issuing figures showing that central locking is available on 74 per cent of all models and deadlocks on 20 per cent.

Use your head

TOO many motorists forget to adjust the head restraints in their cars, leaving them vulnerable to severe whiplash injuries, British physiotherapists say. The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy has issued a reminder that drivers should ensure that the restraint is high enough to act as a neck cushion. A good guide is that the bottom of the head restraint should be level with the tops of the

Happy motoring

ROVER says it is the first British manufacturer to offer pan-European breakdown assistance through a network stretching as far as Norway and Hungary. The assistance scheme, operated through the Automobile Association, links Rover owners to the chief materials of the chief materials. chief motoring organisations of the nations through which drivers are travelling. The assistance includes help with lost keys, punctures and accidents.

Royal appointment THE Queen's Flight has taken delivery of five Land-Rover Dis-

coverys to use as all-weather vehicles to ferry pilots and crew. Reliability will be the top priority to ensure that the helicopters crews, who patrol the length of Britain, take off promptly. Even though the Discoverys will be used mainly as crew taxis, they will still cover at least 30,000 miles a year.

Merc cleans up

MERCEDES-BENZ says it is spending £500 million this year on environmental schemes. The money is being used at the Sindelfingen factory at Shuttgart to provide cleaner water and air. For example, 20 years ago, the factory needed 88 litres of water to clean a square metre of chrome plated metal. The figure today is only 12 litres.

Meanwhile, the car maker's flagship S-Class range is to get a



sporty coupé addition, picture above. The two-door 500SEC and 600SEC models will share the V8 and V12 engines already available in the new saloons. However, the coupes will not go on sale until the autumn and could be expected to fetch a premium price in a line-up that already tops £80,000.

#### Proud addition

KlA, the South Korean company which started selling cars in Britain last year, is expanding its ambitions. The company wants to import a mid-size car, the Sephia, based on the Mazda 626, to sell alongside its Kia Pride hatch-backs. Almost 2,000 Pride models have been sold in Britain in their first year on sale and that number could grow to 5,000 this year.

# Dream machines too hot to handle



Collector's item: the 195mph Ferrari 512 TR is expected to be snapped up by investors

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RECESSION or not, the demand grows for cars able not just to break speed limits, but to shatter them. Both McLaren, the winner of last year's Formula One championships, and Jaguar, the winner of the Group C racing championships, have models coming out next spring capable of more than 200mph.

The Japanese are also making a car in England that will be able to match both. Yamaha is using the Formula One engine, derived from the Brabham F1 team of last year, to power a remarkable single-seater.
First into British showrooms will be

Ferrari's 512 TR, which will reach almost 195mph. Ferrari's introduction of the 512

200mph cars costing £250,000 are destined

for cold storage

TR, seen for the first time yesterday at the Los TR, seen for the first time yesterday at the Los Angeles Motor Show, is a sign that the Italians refuse to give up their crown as the world's leading makers of fast cars. The V12 Ferrari Boxer engine offers 422bhp at 6,750rpm, which will catapult the ear from rest to 62mph in 4.8 seconds.

In a time of financial strictures and envipomental awareness, what sort of demand do such cars meet?

do such cars meet?
Yamaha realises that most of the cars it makes at its factory in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, are likely to be bought by investors unwilling to risk 'a £250,000 possession on public roads.

Most insurers would offer nothing more than a third-party policy on a car so powerful and expensive, which means that the Jaguars, McJagens, Yamahas and Ferraris all head in

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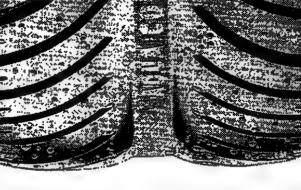
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# Derring-do matters most when the result hurts



Forget: daring stroke

terms treats, one of the best was the rugby match Barbarians. It was a delight that made you hunger for more: a New Year's day fixture would have been a nice send-off to the celebrations.

Barbarians games still have a certain zing to them, perhaps more so than ever. Sport the day: rugby union now has its its own rugby leagues, and major rugby internationals are as intense and as brutal as any sporting occasion in the

But in a Barbarians game, a player can cast care aside. The tradition in such matches is risk: speculative passes. improvised running, exploitation of tricks that nobody would dare try in a league tional, because the failurerate is unacceptably high. But in such a context, success is glorious, and failure can be laughed off.

A Barbarians game is a respite from the brutish regular fare of sport: a change from the usual pragmatism. and the overwhelming emphasis on victory. Victory is a proasaic aim. A Barbarians game gives us a spot of inconsequential poetry.

And so, sneaking unbidden into the mind, comes the thought: surely this is how all sport should be played? I fantasised briefly on, say, a soccer Barbarians side, playing Arsenal and Liverpool evSimon Barnes argues that friendly

matches in the admirable spirit of the rugby Barbarians are all very well, but

are rather like alcohol-free lager

Barbarians, having a pop at tourists at the end of the season. Or tennis Barbarians playing each other for the simple fun of it. Or golf Barbarians doing the same thing. Wouldn't that be a good thing for sport? Shouldn't all sport follow the ideals of rugby union, and the Barbarians?

But then I remembered that such friendly games al-ready exist. It is just that I

Soccer players take part in testimonal games all the time. Cricketers never stop playing benefit games. Tennis players and golfers play exhibitions

are better than most friendly matches, mainly because it is the nature of rugby union to throw players on top of each other. The structure of the game makes it impossible to hang back. Most festival

at the drop of a cheque.

eater opportunities to avoid full-blooded contact: no one wants to break a leg, even someone else's, in a testimo-

The opportunity for Bar-barian-type innocence, for jolly, old-fashioned, damnin most sports. But we don't follow such matches. They are seldom on television: this newspaper does not often report there. It seems that we actively prefer the dour, dull, grinding, pragmatic, win-at-all-costs stuff of sporting life.

Why? The answer to this lies in the question of why we turn to sport at all. We might talk about perfection of execution: Gascoigne beats his man and scores; Botham hooks Lillee for six; Edberg

volleys at full-stretch; Campese destroys a packed defence and touches down. But we can see all these things, and far more often, in friendly games, when the win-at-all-costs inhibition has been removed: when the defenders are less committed to their task of destruction and Botham plays the reverse hook. So why are friendly

the intensity of the great occa-sions that make them riveting. A daring volley means nothing in an exhibition: down in a grand slam final, it is a different matter altogether. Guy Forget's risk-all ace on second service was one of the great moments of sport,

games less attractive to us?

The answer is intensity. It is

not just because it was daring, but because of the context: the Davis Cup underdog risking all to win the biggest tournament in tennis.

Campese is a great player because he runs through a defence when it is trying to tear him apart. Gascoigne's 35-yard free-kick came in an FA Cup semi-final, when his opponents would have given anything to stop him. Botham's counter-attacking

bowling is meant to hurt. Barbarian sport is great but we find the real values of sport in a slogging, pedestri-an, win-at-all-costs international when an error really hurts. Friendly sport is all very well. So is alcohol-free

Australia's batting restrained by Indian making his first Test appearance

# Banerjee makes an early mark

By OUR SPORTS STAFF

Sydney: Subroto Baneriee breathed life into his country's Test series against Australia here yesterday. Banerjee, making his first Test appearance, took three wickets for 36 runs in an impressive day's pace bowling as Australia were held to 234 for four wickets at the close of the first day of the third Test match.

After earlier, disappointing performances on the tour. that scoreline indicated a good day for India, aithough Australia, for whom David Boon made a staunch, un-beaten 89, had the upper hand after being put into bat. At the close, Allan Border on 14 not out, was at the crease with Boon.

Had Mark Taylor, who made 56, not been dropped on 13, and had Kapil Dev been successful in an appeal for leg before in the final overs against Boon, India might. for the first time in the series.

While all the attention was focused on Australia's newcomer, the leg-spinner, Shane Warne, Banerjee crept into his side almost unnoticed. But it did not take long for the 22-year-old from Bihar, in India's east, to Geoff Marsh with his tenth

ball in Test cricket. The opener moved inside only to hear the rattle of the stumps behind his legs. Having taken 28 minutes to get off the mark, and been becalmed for the last 21, it was

not an impressive stay. His opening partner, Taylor, should have been dismissed in the previous over when Manoj Prabhakar made two clumsy grabs at a comfortable chance given off

Javagal Srinath. Taylor went on to bat with growing assurance and it was a surprise when, on 56, he edged Banerjee to Pandit, who was standing in behind the stumps for Kiran More, who was suffering from a

hamstring injury. It was the first of two wickets with a "new" old ball, the Indians having succeeded in tempt. Mark Waugh, having celebrated his promotion in the order to No. 4 with a classical boundary, was the second victim, prodding a catch to gully, where Prabhakar was relieved to

Boon chugged along unperturbed, building a second 90-plus partnership before, in a rare misjudgement, he ran out partner Dean Jones. Facing Shastri, Boon, on 83, drove a fierce return catch then called Jones for a sharp single when the bowler failed to hold it. But Jones, off balance, was unable to beat Sachin Tendulkar's throw to the striker's end, and was out for 35. Boon was fortunate to survive a good appeal for leg before when on 84 in Dev's first over with the new ball. The umpire, Steve Randell's negative reaction did little to improve Indian confidence in Australian officials.

Banerjee's selection was at the expense of left-arm spin-

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Bogged down: the Australia opener, Marsh, is bowled by Banerjee on the first day of the Sydney Test

India without a front-line spinner on a wicket generally regarded as friendly to the slow men. India's third change to the team that lost both the first two Tests in four days was the inclusion of Naviot Sidhu.

Sidhu, an opening bats-man, began the week in India before flying in to Sydney on New Year's day, to replace Kris Srikkanth in the side.

AUSTRALIA. First innings Marsh b Benerjee Taylor c Pands b Benerjee 

Total (4 whis)
A Healy, & G Hughes C J McDon
Warne and B A Reid to bat FALL OF WICKETS 1-22 2-117, 3-127, 4-210

80WLING: Kapil Dev 22:638-0 (3nb). Prabhakar 22:6-45-0 (1nb), Banones 16:4-36-3 (4nb), Sonath 17:3-66-0 (8nb, 1w). Sheath 13-1:37-0 inola: "M Azharuddin, N S Sidhu, A J Shastn, D Vengsariar, S V Menjretar S R Tendultar kapil Dev. †C S Pandit, M Prabhakar S Banegeo J Shnath

boundaries in a stylish 49. But Sri Lanka ran into water after Haturasinghe was bowled by Waqar Younis, and the new

ended in draws.

Sri Lankan batting droops By Our Sports Staff

> batsman, Asanka Gurusinha, was caught at slip by Zahid Fazal for only three, leaving them on 89 for two at lunch. After the interval. Sri Lanka took their total to 150.

before Arvinda de Silva, the captain, was caught by the wicketkeeper, Moin Khan, off Salim Jaffer for 12. Jaffer then had Arjuna Ranatunge trapped leg-before with his next delivery.

Five more wickets fell to the Pakistan fast bowlers in the final session after tea with only Sanath Jayasuria, who defied Pakistan in the first Test at Sialkot, defying them again with an unbeaten 50. despite being struck on the head by a bouncer from Aaqib Javed.

Jayasuria's scores in the first Test, were 77 and 35 not

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SRI LANKA: Fest innings
H Manieronia is Mich. Khen
D Salim Jetter 58
C Hathunisenghe b Waqar Younis 49
A Gurushina a Zahid Fazal
b Washina khan in Salim Jetter 0
3 "A de Sava c Moin Khan b Salim Jetter 0
8 Jayssurya not our 50
JH Tillekeratirs c Shaub Mohammad
b Waqar Younis 11
R Ratinsyshe Dev 5 Waqar Younis 11
R Ratinsyshe Dev 5 Waqar Younis 11
R Hatinsyshe Dev 5 Waqar Younis 15
C Winggurawardene New 16
K Winggurawardene New 17
F Washin Aldam 16
Extras (Ris. 42, 148) 11
Total (9 wides) 11
Total (9 wides) 12

SWIMMING

# **England selectors jettison Kennedy**

**By Craig Lord** 

THE England selectors sent message yesterday: thanks for making the semi-final for Britain at the European sprint championships last month, but we no longer need your services for the England

Kennedy, aged 22, who had arranged her entire annual work roster with the Queen's Medical Centre at Nottingham, where she is a full-time physiotherapist and nurse, to coincide with the

planned for her by national team coaches in the run-up to the Barcelona Olympic Games, is to return the favour with a formal complaint.

Faisalabad: The Pakistan

bowlers restricted Sri Lanka

to 205 for nine on the open-

ing day of the third and last

Test match here yesterday.

Imran Khan, the Pakistan

captain. Khan won the toss

and put Sri Lanka in to bat on

a clear, sunny day, a contrast

with the two previous Tests.

hit by bad weather, which

ar i Roshan Mahanama cre-

ated a good base for the Sri

Lankan innings, with an opening partnership of 81.

Haturasinghe hitting ten

Chandika Haturasinghe

The selectors decision comes despite the fact that Kennedy meets more of the qualification criteria than swimmers added to the team in a new year revision. While and fourth in England, such as Jason Hender, of Leeds, are included, Kennedy, of Nova Centurion, has been deprived of the place she won

grounds that she failed to show form at the winter championships at Barnet,

London, last month. The decision ignores the fact that Kennedy clocked the second fastest time by an Englishwoman at 50 metres freestyle at the European sprint championships just a week before the championships. Kennedy decided to compete at Barnet despite illness only to help Nova Centurion. Had she not swum, on doctors' advice, her place in

the national team would have Sharron Davies is recalled after becoming the first Brit-

ish woman to break 2min

15 sec in setting a British short-course record at 200 metres medley last month. Zara Long, the previous holder, has been dropped after failing to compete at Barnet. Additions to England team: Amr. J. Hender (City of Leads); J. Fleet (Borough of Washinamaton); D. Warrien (City of Leads); H. Sietter (Warriors of Warrington); E. Fleet (Warriors of Warrington); F. Findley (Kely College). S. Purvis (Wigon Waspa); G. Piggett (City at Birminghem) Delejoner. Bight: J. Drevy, T. Hart, K. Crosby Witament: E. Arnold, Z. Long, N. Kannedy. RUGBY UNION

# Best promises not to desert power game

the opposition makes mis-

ENGLAND plan to retain the attacking approach they employed in the World Cup final only in specific games of the five nations' championship this season.

Dick Best, the new England coach, made it clear yesterday that the formula England devised for certain matches during the World Cup will be adhered to. Best, a strong believer in a game based on an open style, said last night: "We played it dead

right against France and Scotland in the World Cup. "Some people criticised, but I was not one of them. You must always take into consideration the teams you

takes. It was perfectly correct to play that way then and I cannot believe we will go too far from that policy when we meet them again in two weeks

Of Scotland's apparent change of policy to include greater bulk among their for-wards. Best said: They see the way international rugby is going. They want to compete

at the power game."
Best said that England had similarly had the measure of the French of late. They knew that pressure unsettles France, and given the success of such tactics, it was hard to see a radical change in patare playing against. Scotland term emerging for the trip to thrive on a loose game where Paris next month.

# Students get ready for their big matches

BOTH the approaching in-student five nations' competiternational rugby season and the of the student world cup in Italy in the summer have given student rugby a significant boost throughout the (Chris Thau writes).

This weekend English students meet for a three-day squad session at Bisham Abbey, the Weish run their second trial. The French have a squad session while the Scots are shortlisting their squad for their opening game against England on January

17 in Edinburgh. One of the by products is the possible emergence of a has always regarded its student selection as part of its pyramid of excellence, a view increasingly shared by some the channel.

The former international stand-off halves. Les Cusworth, of England, and John Rutherford, of Scotland, are coaching their stu-

But Best does still seek to broaden England's playing pattern as much as possible during the championship. "My intention is to win all four games by hook or by crook. Not all the games will be played in the World Cup

final style. "But I do want the right balance between tightening up a game and showing the kind of style England demonstrated in the final. A happy medium if you like. I believe there is a lot more to come from these players in that attacking style, and developing the way England played against Australia would do me quite nicely. That is my

England are perfectly capable of maintaining their position of eminence in European rugby, according to Best. But if they are to remain the best of the narious in the northern hemisphere. then exposure to the leading countries of the southern hemisphere needs to be in-

He said: "Unless we have more sporting contacts with the southern hemisphere we will always be a little adrift o them. More links are needed, for example, at divisional

"I know the England B team is going there in June, but I would like to see some of the English divisional sides playing New Zealand provin-cial teams like Waikato and North Harbour. That would provide a good parallel and an ideal learning process for higher standards," he said.

# Worrying rise of the touchline tyrants

RUGBY has always allowed plenty of scope for the man who might pass as a gentle-man to be a loud-mouthed bully, a hooligan even, ei-ther on the field or off it. Rugby has an infinite ca-

pacity to caut in the matter -- "Such hard men" - and to sentimentalise these little weaknesses - "Bit of a lad, isn't he?"

But given the balancing act that occurs among the personalities of, say, a team of 15 players, who are mostly extroverts, not to mention the many dark aspects of the game itself, such men are soon cut down to size or forgiven.

So it has been and ever will be. Rugby cannot be said to have suffered much as a game in this way. Boys, they say with a knowing nudge, will be boys. But would it not be better, in fact, if they were far more

like real boys. Under the funereal grey skies of winter, the sun still shines on the child. Except when adults, having pontif-icated at the bar, come to hang around the touchline and spoil things when their charges play. If only they could look, they would see what asses some of them are prepared to make of

From the sidelines, a torrent of advice comes. "Kick." "Run."

All coming at the same moment, in comic and confusing disharmony. Whose advice should a child take? They all seem to know, And yet all are urging different things.
"Get your head down.
And push."

"Oh, for goodness sake, TACKLE, boy. Don't be such a softie," says he, capped. sheepskinned and mufflered against the

breeze. Easy from the touchline, you see. "Hit him."

The invigorating air ech-oes to their barking shouts. The adult becomes a He, too, it suddenly dawns, has the lager lout tendencies.

The green gum-booted, neckerchiefed man in his cavalry twills is as vulgarly voluble as the one with the faded jeans and T-shirt next to him. Dress sense divides them; their attitude binds them. The little mistakes on the field become tragic, irreparable errors for which there is no forgiveness. A bad pass is a blunder, a missed tackle a

Winning is important, of course. But never as important as it is made to seem and sound from the touchline. You are left to wonder who their heroes were when

Yesterday, below my window, a boy ran with a smile of innocent triumph and surprise on his sunny face. He was dressed perfectly, I imagined, in a manner to have played for England in



Underwood: inspiring

is likely to be the sartorial equivalent of the England team which plays in the forthcoming five nations' championship is for the courts to decide. The difference to him does not matter as much as the marketing man triés to persuade us it

The boy, though, was already imitating the mac-stros of this day. He will have floated down the wing. like an Underwood; shimmied, as if on a dance floor, the way Guscott does in the crowded midfield; wrestled and rampaged, imagining himself a mighty Teague,

taking on all-comers. The scene which was to come was of exciting animation and adventure, the affection and awe, the hope and the pleasure. Pretence, at this age, is better than

reality.

Do they, the spoilsports and know-alls who prowl the touchline, understand such loose energy and delight. Do they still know what it is actually like to play the game? Or have they already forgotten? Perhaps they never tried, and

so never got to know.

Why has "play up, play up and play the game" —
not Newbolt's poem in its entirety but the sporting sentiment alone — been so discredited? Why, on the touchline, has it been thought better to replace it by a bleak and blinkered cynicism? What ill-bred mesmanship fills the air. What aggressive abuse

The boy with the spindly legs, with no weight worthy of note and who has just failed to collar the thickestset lad opposite, likes ad-vice. But, with the freshness of a dream, he prefers the spur encouragement brings

The control of the co

mistakes at critical moments

got his act together at Sedge-field last time out when beat-

ing Lady Remaider by 20

lengths. Another clear round

should enable him to win.

probably from Wayside Boy.

who has yet to repeat the form

of his first run this season

when second to Nincofus at

dearty:

Sedgefield.

ly to be generous about Good Profile in the Harcros Scottish Juvenile Hurdle at Edinburgh this afternoon, but even the most optimistic of backers would be hard pressed to oppose him.

sed to oppose him.

Good Profile was bought. The eight-year old has made for 60,000 guineas at the Newmarket Autumn Sales, in races which have cost him and has already gone some way to recouping that outlay.

A winner at Wetherby in November, he proved himself to be one of the leading juveniles seen our this season when winning the Finale Hundle at

Chepstow last month.
That performance, beating None So Brave by two lengths, would have made him an automatic favourite for the Triumph Hurdle in

However his trainer. George Moore, has already crossed Cheltenham off the agenda. As he explained: "It's a very tough race and I think they're too young for it. He'll probably go to Liverpool."
His rivals here have not

shown anything to match his form and he should prevail, although his odds will no. doubt reflect that. For my nap, at a more rewarding price, I turn to Flight Hill, from Mary Reve-

ley's in-form yard, in the the Glengoyne Highland Malt

THUNDERER "

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12.10 Ringland. 12.40 Meeson Times. 1.10 Runnel
1.40 Mr Wishing Well. 2.10 Goldvein. 2.40 Hand
On Heart. 3.10 Energic.

12.10 Ringland. 12.40 Bathara's Crife. 1.10 Patrician Megician. 1.40 East Barns. 2.10 Swinging Lady. 2.40 General John. 3.10 Buddy.

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7 008. STRIP CARTOON 17 (8) S Sowing 7-13. N Adams 2
8 POD. HANNAH BROWN 2363 Mechanic 7-12. J. Streethill (7) 3
9 600. PICK AND CHOOSE 265 J Leight 7-12. L. Chapten 12
10 055. QUALITAER REVERNITY J Hollsetter 7-12.

D Biggs 31.1
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5 102- SIR TASKER 16 (6) J Hamis 4-9-5 --- J Williams 8
6 243- IN A WIRLL 8 (F) D Chapmen 4-9-5 -- J Famping (3) 12
7 621- MEESON TIMES 17 (7.5) B Elison 4-9-13 -- M Hills 4
8 500- BECKINGHAM 85N 28 (F,Q) J Leigh 8-9-17
A Colhans 5

9 244- BARBARA'S CUTIE 22 M Benefind 4-54
10 433- DHUMMER'S DREAM 17 Max N Macastry 4-54
11 000- SEAUMONT'S ICEE 59 (F) T Beron 6-79
12 000- LAZY HILL 17 D Chipman 5-77 S Wood 11
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1.10 BRAMHAM CLAIMING STAKES

1 12-4 RUNNEL 2 (F) D Chingtons 9-4 S Wood 1 2 38-2 PATRICIAN MAGICIAN 2 (F) R Williams 9-9 Milch Dernero (7) 2 3 05- BOLD MELODY 6 P Hasters 8-6 J Feaning (3) 3 4 04-5 MISS NARNIA 2 (B) A Janvis 8-2 K Adams 5 5 600- WHIRLYGIG 6 (B) J Walnunght 8-2 J Qulnn 4

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COURSE SPECIALISTS

(3-Y-O: £2,147: 7f) (5)

12.40 CHATSWORTH HANDICAP

GOING: STANDARD

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

STAKES (4-Y-O: \$2,206: 71) (12 runners)

Moore: has Liverpool aim for Good Profile

Mrs Reveley can complete a double with Wellwotdon-think in the First Of Many Tamerosia Series Novices' National Hunt Flat Race Chase Qualifier. The six-year-old was an im-

pressive winner at Doncaster and can triumph again. Forward Glen shaped with promise on his hurdling debut at Carlise in November and should be good enough to win the Lothians Racing However he seemed to have

Syndicate Maiden Hurdle. The five-year-old; who won a National Hunt flat race earlier this season, was only beaten a head by Thistleholm after making a mistake at the third-last flight. That experigood stead now.

Martin Pipe has gained a reputation of working miracles with horses who have been off the track for long periods, and he can do so again with Milinachoma in the Cockington Novices' Chase at Newton Abbot.

Two seasons ago the gelding won four times over hurdles, including when beating Remittance Man by 12 lengths at Newbury. A reproduction of that form would be enough to land the prize today.

Finally, on the allweather at Southwell Meeson Times, a winner here three weeks ago. can follow up that success in the Chatsworth Handicap.

1.40 BURGHLEY HANDICAP

5 445- PLEASURE AHEAD 6 M Channon 5-86 D Bloge (5) 7
7 005- VA UTU 71 (6) R Weedbouse 4-87 — G Partin (7) 10
8 500- IN TRUTH 45 (7,5) D Chapman 4-93 — S Wood 2
9 005- EAST BARNS 77 (7) T Barno 4-90 ... Also Greeves 1
10 205- DUALITAR FLYER 22 (7,5) J Bottomby 10-77

11 400- REDIVISIBLE 78.1 R Hollowhead 67-7 M Humphries (7) 9

3-1 Goldvein, 4-1 Streded, 5-1 Swinging Lady, 11-2 Able Princess, 8-1 Hearthum, 12-1 Pigelle Wonder, 14-1 others.

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52 Ross Why, 72 Peace Formula, 51 Bold Boris, 81 High Success, 10-1 General John, Hand On Heart, 12-1 offices.

3.10 BADMINTON APPRENTICE HANDI-CAP (3Y-0: £2,324: 1m) (11)

1 084 BROTHERLYAFFECTION 30 R Hollingheed 9-8

Derren Molfatt (5) 1 5-2 Shid, 9-2 Energic, 11-2 Brotherlyellection, 7-1 Buddy, 8-1 Queen Of Pendona, 10-1 Ineglete, Medbourne, 12-1 others.

Emme O'Gormen (5) 5

2.40 WINDSOR MAIDEN STAKES

1 . 3- BOLD BORIS 50 R Ametering 9-0 ....

2.10 OSBERTON MAIDEN CLAIMING STAKES (4-Y-O: 22,206:71) (12)

# King's Curate keeps Mellor smiling

KING'S Curate, the top-class staying hurdler, made a suc-cessful chasing debut in the about coming all the way up Swindon trainer.

John Brown Memorial Novices' Chase at Ayr yesterday.
Backers had no hesitation in declaring their confidence in the eight-year-old, installing him a 2 to a fraggist. ing him a 3-1 on favourite. Their belief never looked misplaced as, taken to the front early by Simon Earle, taken a turn for the better. Having had to wait until New Year's day for his first winner of the season, he again completed a double. he made the rest of the running without a serious jumping error.

He really does need soft this time initiated by Timur's Geoff Lewis at Epsom. In

ground to produce his best, that's why I had no worries ices' Hurdle

Neale Doughty was shak-en in a fall from Abbot Of here," said Stan Mellor, the Furness in the Hurlford Nov-King's Curate pleased ices' Chase and is likely to Earle although the jockey felt miss Edinburgh today. he was "a bit too keen" in the

At Lingfield, New Zealand jockey Brett Johnson rode his first winner in Britain on Brunswick Blue in the Many Hands Novices Hurdle. Johnson, aged 27, formerly fifth in the jump jockeys' list in Australia, is based with

King in the Dairymple Nov- Australia, he has ridden 151 winners on the Flat and 140

over jumps. Steve Smith Eccles had a less happy time. He received a suspected broken ankle after a first-flight fall from Cazaudehore, the 114 for the Bird in the Hand Handi-

cap Hurdle. While Smith Eccles faces a spell on the sidelines. Lorcan Wyer is anticipating a swift return to action. Wyer bruised a shoulder in a fall from Gymcrak Sovereign at

BETTING: 5-2 Swilly Express, 4-1 Miss Purbeck, 5-1 Paper Star, 5-1 Edge O'Beyond, 8-1 Innocant Princess, 10-1 Chemied I'm Sure, Gaststrom, 14-1 Celtic Dismond, 20-1 others

**FORM FOCUS** 

CHARMED I'M SURE sh hd 2nd of 10 to Reve En Rose in Teumion (2m 110)rd, good) nowice handicap hurdle on penultimate start SWILLY EXPRESS best Sandford Springs 6 in 14-runner Hereford (2m), good to soft) nowice hurdle with FORTY WATTS 7th.

Tel. TC DIAMOND 42 2nd of 14 to George Buckinghart in novice hurdle over course and distance (heavy) on penultimate start last term, INNOCENT

Long handicap: Corn Merchant 6-13, Butlers Pet 9-6, Kameo Style 9-1.
BETTING: 11-4 Sirrah Jay, 3-1 Oweston, 5-1 Western Counties, 6-1 Kameo Style, 6-1 Butlers Pet, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SIRRAH JAY beat Whats Your Problem 81 at Fortwell (2m 41, good), earlier 101 2nd of 5 to Wide Boy at Fortwell (2m 21 110yd, good) with CORN MERCHANT (13th better off) 18½1 4th.

OUR NOBBY nk 2nd of 12 to Western Legend in Wincenton (2m 51, good) handloap chase on penultimate start. BUTLERS PET beat WESTERN COUNTIES (15th better aft) 3 at Wicroseter (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start with SIRRAH JAY 7th KAMEO STYLE beat Plat Acre HB in Chetterham (2m, good to firm) conditional jockeys handloap chase. TOM CAXTON 25: 3rd

3.20 ST MARYCHURCH HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,922: 2m 150yd) (11 runners)

Long handicap: Primetice 9-13, By Far 9-11, Lawnewood Junior 9-10, One To Note 9-9, Forest Fawn 9-9, Sally's Dove 9-7.

BETTING: 5-2 Tom Clapton, 7-2 Great Seling, 5-1 Primetice, 6-1 Alosals, Forest Faven, 8-1 By Far. 12-1 others. FORM FOCUS

TOM CLAPTON 3½t 2nd of 15 to Cheerful Times in Wolvenhampton (2n, good) handicap hurdle with NACONA 15th. GREAT SALING best five Lamps 3½th in 11-numer Bengor (2m, soft) handicap hurdle 3½th of 11-numer Bengor (2m, soft) handicap hurdle 12-numer 2nd 15th of 17 to Tyburn Lad at Hunthingdon (2m 100yd, good to firm) handicap hurdle on (2m 100yd, good to firm) handicap hurdle on penultimate start. FOREST FAWN 4½ 3xc of 15 to Revent 2 Lingston 2 England (2m, good).

Selection: TOM CLAPTON

10 NIKITAS 8 (D.G) (A Sofrozou; Mas A Whitfield 7.11-12 S McHell & 95
40- ALLO GEORGE 240 (Lave Medical Systems) Mrs J Wennecott 6-11-5 S Donohoe (5)
0/ AL SHAREEF 2F (H) (H Devies) D Burchell 7-11-5 D J Burchell P- ARAGANT MAN 423 (G Yates) B Stevens 5-11-5 M Stevens (7)
1425-5 COOLE DODGER 28 (Mrs B Sasrie) G Ham 7-11-5 N MART
1500 PHARYNK 2 (S O'Sulivan) Mrs J Retter 5-11-5 M A Fitzgerald (6)

3.45 CHELSTON NOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,362; 2m 150yd) (16 runners)

7 DOD PHARYNOX 2 (S O'Sulivan) Mrs J Reiter 5-11-5 MA A Fitzgerald (6) 8 4/P- ROMANY WALK 434 (T Le Grice) T Le Grice 10-17-5 S Earle 9 3 VITAL CLUE 28 (A Peirca) R O'Sulivan 5-11-5 D O'Sulivan (3) 10 40-254 VOLPEDO 55 (C Electrical Controls Ltd) R Monning 5-11-5 R Supple 11 6-05 WOODY WILL 35 (J South) O Sharwood 6-17-5 R Supple 12 D\$4/00-0 YOUNG FACT 8 (S) (Kingstey Holiclays Ltd) J Bester 7-11-5 N Colembar 13 SEA CADET 98F (Business Forms Express) K Bishop 4-10-7 R Greene (5) 4 PPP3 TURBO-R 16F (E Lodge) A Chamberlain 4-10-7 J TURBO-R 16F (E Lodge) A Chamberlain 4-10-7 J TURBO-R 16F (W J Bester of) R Prost 4-10-2 J Frost 15 D PARISIAN EXPRESS 37 (D Base) K Cummigham-Brown 4-10-2 J Frost 15 S VItal Clue, 7-2 Nikites, 9-2 More By Luck, 6-1 Woody WIS, 8-1 Coole Dodger, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

2.50 ELLACOMBE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,507: 2m 5f) (9 runners)

Catterick on Wednesday but expects to be fit to ride Bollin Patrick in the Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown tomorrow.

In response to racecourse caterers Letheby and Christopher's decision to reduce prices, rivals Ring & Brymer. who operate at six courses, are to consider their policy. Bob Reeves, the regional marketing director, said: "Our prices must always be competitive."

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# 2.20 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES ONLY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES

Mellor's luck has certainly

1850年,李清朝于秦			HURDLE (Qualifier: £1,788: 2m 5f 110yd) (16 rµnners)	
MANDARIN 12.50 Dancing Paddy. 1.20 Noble Vision. 1.50 Minnehoma. 2.20 Sue's Delight. 2.50 Sirrah Jay. 3.20 Tom Ciapton. 3.45 Nikitas.	THUNDERER 12.50 Dancing Paddy, 1.20 Maitredee. 1.50 Minnehoma. 2.20 Paper Star. 2.50 Olveston. 3.20 Forest Fawn. 3.45 Vital Clue.	RICHARD EVANS 2.50 OUR NOBBY (nap). 3.45 Coole Dodger.	1 63-102F CHARMED I'M SURE 36 (F) (P Dening) R Holder 5-11-5	97
The Times Private Hand	licapper's top rating: 12,50 D	ANCING PADDY.	11 UP-P JANET SCIES & (G Beteman) N Aylitle 5-10-12	_
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1:	2.50	CHELSTON NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,362: 2m	150yd) (16 runners	s)
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2	PPP/	JUST 91F (Just Recing) M Pipe 6-11-5	P Boudemore	_
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4		NAZARE BLUE 74F (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 5-11-5	C Vettre	_
- 8	F	SUNWIND 26 (Miss S Jayner) R Hadges 6-11-5	A Tory	_
- 5	F	GO WITH THE FLO & (Mrs M Rimell) G Charles-Jones 6-11-0	N Colemen	_
7	P0/F0	JOYCE'S PET 87 (J Criddle) J Criddle 8-11-0	Mr S Shinton (7)	_
· 8	4334	KEEP YOUR WORD 18 (Miss & Swire) G Beiding 5-11-0	J Front	82
9	P-FP	MRS MEADOWS 80 (J Shears) J Shears 7-11-0	B Macneica (7)	_
10	204P/	SIKERA 598 (Mrs H Collins) P Hobbs 6-11-0	C Mauda	_
11	P	VERONICA ANN 18 (F Bown) Mrs J Westrucott 9-11-0	Mr A Wooneratt	_
12		BREAKERS AHEAD 139F (J Joseph) R Front 4-10-7	Mr S Carles (7)	_
13	42	DANCING PADDY 14 (Bychence Racing) K C-Brown 4-10-7	R Gunt	a 99
14	50	ISLAND JEWEL 7 (M Smith) J Boxley 4-10-7	M Rosley	
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18	_	SORMAL PROCES E ARREADY S Housest M Avilla 4.10.7	D Cifford (C)	-

SETTING: 138 Dancing Paddy, 7-2 Keep Your Word, 9-2 Tower Bridge, 6-1 Just. 8-1 Breakers Ah 10-1 Store, 16-1 others. 1990: ASANDONED - WATERLOGGED COURSE

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	8	. /11114/	MINNEHOMA 587 (F,G,S) (F Starr) M Pipe 9-10-10
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8	12	6226P-P	ROCKY VULGAN 31 (B) (F Weston) Miles L Bower 9-10-10 Mertin Jones
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			SPACE MAN 14 (A Mason) A Mason 9-10-10 B Powell 4
			TAGMOUN CHAUFOUR 31 (Avaion Surfacing Ltd) A Berrow 7-10-10 W Irvine
	18	30/1-F0F	THATCHER ROCK 8 (F) (M Disney) P Micholis 7-10-10
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tingham yesterday. "I have only four | season with a broken shoulder.

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GOING: GOOD

I Tony Potts saddled his first National Huntwinner for two years when Lord Future landed the Sandiacre third career win for jockey son Tim. Novices' Claiming Hurdle at Not- who was forced to miss half of last

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# NIKITAS 1217th to Travado at Kempton (2m); gravi-ously best Mountain Kingdom 11 at Newbury (2m). CDOLE DODGER 18 5th of 18 to Jinga in Devon (2m 11, good) novice hurdle with MORE BY LUCK 15th. VITAL CLUE 1th 2rd of 21 to Brown Sauce at **COURSE SPECIALISTS** P Scudamore J Kavanagh R Dunwoody

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#### ☐ Balasani, trained by Martin Pipe, was yesterday backed to 7-1 (from 8-1) with the sponsors for The Ladbroke hurdle at Leopardstown tomorrow week. Clippie Lad remains the 6-1 favourite. In the Tote Gold

TRAINERS: T Barron, 43 winners from 157 minners, 27 4%; W O'Gorman, 21 Iron. 68, 22.0%; W Hagges, 5 from 25, 20.0%; M Prescott, 12 from 63, 19.0%; J Heltherton, 4 from 22, 18.2%; R Armstrong, 5 from 26, 17.9%.

# Trophy at Newbury next month. Winnie The Witch remains 9-1 favourite with the

Going: good to soft
12.00 (2m hole) 1, Preoblatenessy (N
Doughty, 11-10 lav); 2, Cardwess Prince
(So 1); 3, K-Brigade (6 1); 14 cm St, 25, G
Richerds, Tols. 52.20; 51.20, 57.90, 51.30.
DF: 588 80 CSF 547.17
12.30 (2m hole) 1, Tenus's King (S Earle,
8-1); 2, Anair Of Honour (5-2); 3, Dante's
Inferror (17-6 lav), 13 cm, 34, 44, S Mellor,
Total. 57 70; 51.90, 51.70, 51.50. DF.
513 80 CSF: 528-48.
1,00 (3m 110xd ch) 1, King's Curate (S £13 80 CSF: £28.48.
1.00 (3m 110yd chi 1, King's Curate (S Earle, 1.3 tav); 2. Truely Royal (16-1); 3. OH The Bru (14-1), 12 ran. 24, 151. S Moter Fert £1 50; £1 50, £3.50; £1.90 DF: £16 60. CSF. £8.55. 23.90 CSF E78 14.
2.00 (2m at ch) 1. Insertin Lib (P Williams.
3-(); 2 Back. Before Dark (3-2); 3.
Laundrymen (3-1). The Antariax 7-4 fav. 5
ran Sh tot. 300 Mns S Brechune. Tote:
C4.00; 52.20. C160 DF: 67.20. CSF



Nottingham Going: good to firm.

12.40 (2m hole) 1, Lord Future (T Potta, 10-1); 2 Freezing (64 tay); 3, Solid (7-1). 14 ran. 264, 44. A Potts. Tote: 215.50; £380, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £26.70. CSF: £32.87.

1.10 (2m sf ch) 1, D'Or's Gem (D Bridgester, evens tay), 2, Record Fight (5-2). 3 ran. 25. P Seven. Tote: £1.90. DF: £2.40. CSF: £3.16.

1.40 (2m si) 1, Carbiadate (P Neven, 2-9 tay), 2, Kentish Piper (4-1), 3 ran. NR. Monetary Fund. St. Mrs G Reveley. Tots. £1.30. DF: £1.10 CSF: £1.35.

2.10 (2m sf hole) 1, Rubins Boy (A S Smith, 9-2); 2, Stotm Island (11-2), 3, Emerald Venture (12-1) Bock From The Dead 7-2-fav. 13 ran. 10, 10; \$ Sherwood Tota. £4.50, £1.80. £3.50. £3.20. DF: £28.80 CSF: £26.52. Going: good to firm.

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| Snachume, 18-1); 2, Easy Over (7-2); 3, Sossyille (20-1), Abbot (0f Furness 2-5 tax, 5 tax, Lingfield Park

Going: standard
12.20 (2m India) 1. Brunswick Blue (B.
Johnson, 9-1): 2. Antico Nativo (2-1 Inv): 3.
Abingdon Piyer (10-1). 10 ran. 21, 101. J.
Butcliffe. Tota: 923.30; 93.70, 91.70,
91.30. DF: 538.30. CSF: 927.92.
12.50 (2m i4 India) 1. Callent Effort (H.
Davies, 4-5 Inv): 2. Jan-Re (11-2): 3. En
Sine (100.30), 7 ran. 101, 201. B Dow. Tota:
91.50: 91.30, 94.20. DF: 64.60. CSF:
91.51. Callent Blue (D. T. Pims Gurmer (D. J.
Burchell, 8-11 lev): 2. Tanan Clemour (12-1): 3. Lady Poly (14-1). 9 rist. 41, 50. DF: 81.50. CSF: 910.40
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DF: EX.50. CSF: 110-40 1.50 (2m St holls) 1, Messer-Dancer (Mass 5 Silot, 6-1): 2, Groomeman (8-1): 3, Osiscetto (8-1). Cazaudehore 11-4 (av. 11 ran. NF: Loadsamoney, 6, 19). Thomson Jones. Tota: £13-40, £3-80. £2-80, £2-80. DF: £41-90, CSF: £51-58. Tricast: £33-40. DF: 241.90, CSF: SS1.58, Tricast 5383.41.

2.20 (2m hotie) 1, Carlous Feeling (M Boeley, 7-1); 2, Baimonedean (100-30); 3, 5elr Sees (33-1), Front Page 11-4 lav. 13 fen. 195.4, J. Boeley, Tote: 28.80, 22.50, 21.80; E12.40, DF: 18.80, CSF: E24.59. Thoast, £485.84, Bray File (5-1) was withdrawn not under orders. Rule 4 apples to all bets, deduct 10p in the pound.

2.80 (2m 4f hotie) 1, Caroles Clown (J Railton, 11-4); 2, Grae-Diane (25-1); 3, Ruling Dynasty (5-4 fav), 12 ran, NR: Hostess Catacky, 20, 151. M Haynes, Tote: £4.00; £1.40, £2.60, £1.20, DF: £85.30. CSF: £90.48.

3.20 (2m .Fist) 1, Gelden Coast (A McCabe, 5-5); 2, Caprelous Lady (7-4 fav); 3, Seminole Princess (16-1), 7 ran, 8.2. D Elsworth, Tote: £3.30; £1.80, £2.40. DF: £3.40, CSF: £7.77. Pracepot: £63.00.

#### 12.30 Good Profile. 12.30 Good Profile. 2.30 Dawadar. 1.00 LOCAL 1.00 Portavogie. 1.30 Forward Glen. 2.00 FLIGHT HILL CUSTOMER (nap). 1.30 Beaumood. 2.00 Flight Hill. (nap). 2.30 Ballylord. 2.30 Dawadar. 3.30 Wellwordouthink.

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12.30 HARCROS SCOTTISH JUVENILE HURDLE (Qualifier: 4-Y-O: £1,892: 2m) (7 runners) 

BETTING: 1-4 Good Profile, 6-1 Mengrove Mist, 8-1 Cavak, 14-1 Schwanz, 16-1 Jendec, 20-1 others. 1981: SOUTER'S HILL, 11-0 C Hewkins (7-1) T Craig 9 nm

1.00 AUCHENGRAY NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£1,727: 3m) (6 runners) BETTING: 2-1 Partavogle, 3-1 Local Customer, 4-1 Jimmy Brig, 5-1 Scandulous Rumour, 10-1 others. 1991: BOSSIE STACK 7-11-10 M Dwyer (9-2) J J O'Neill 7 nm

1.30 LOTHIANS RACING SYNDICATE MAIDEN HURDLE (£1,530: 2m 4f) (15 runners) | 342 | BEALMOOD 8 (T Hainsworth) C Tinkler 6-11-10 | G. McCourt 8 | BUCK OWERS (Mrs S Johnson) J Johnson 7-11-10 | D J Mortatt (7) | 612 FORWARD GLEN 36 (BF,F) (P Paier) W A Stepnemen 5-11-10 | C Green 95 | 63282 | HYPNOTIST 13 (P Goodst) W Bentley 5-11-10 | D J Mortatt (7) | 628 | MOSS BEE 8 (J Anthony) W Reed 5-11-10 | D Byrno QUEENS TOUR 6F () Bell M Brittain 7-11-10 | D Byrno QUEENS TOUR 6F () Bell M Brittain 7-11-10 | D Byrno QUEENS TOUR 6F () Bell M Brittain 7-11-10 | D Byrno QUEENS TOUR 6F () Bell M Brittain 7-11-10 | D Byrno QUEENS TOUR 6F () Bell M Brittain 7-11-10 | D Byrno QUEENS TOUR 6F () Bell M Brittain 7-11-10 | B Garritry 344-4 The GREEN FOOL 13 (Mrs 8 Kirko) V Thumpson 5-11-10 | R Martey 78 344-4 The GREEN FOOL 13 (Mrs 8 Kirko) V Thumpson 5-11-10 | R Garritry 78 | GARCHARD 5 11-10 | R Garritry 78 | GARCHARD 5 11-10 | B Storey 8455 NODOLE 5 (L Galbraith) L Lungo 4-10-12 | L O'Hara 67 | WOODSTOCK LODGE 19 (A Carr) D Franks 4-10-12 | P Carr (7) | GSG JULIETSKI 45 (5 Branks) M Hammond 4-10-7 | P Carr (7) | GSG JULIETSKI 45 (5 Branks) M Hammond 4-10-7 | P Carr (7) | GSG JULIETSKI 45 (5 Branks) M Hammond 4-10-7 | P Carr (7) | GSG JULIETSKI 45 (5 Branks) M Hammond 4-10-7 | P Carr (7) | GSG JULIETSKI 45 (5 Branks) M Hammond 4-10-7 | P Carr (7) | GSG JULIETSKI 45 (5 Branks) M Hammond 4-10-7 | P Carr (7) | GSG JULIETSKI 45 (5 Branks) M Hammond 4-10-7 | P Carr (7) | GSG JULIETSKI 45 (5 Branks) M Hammond 4-10-7 | P Carr (7) | GSG JULIETSKI 45 (5 Branks) M Hammond 4-10-7 | P Carr (7) | GSG JULIETSKI 45 (5 Branks) M Hammond 4-10-7 | P Carr (7) | GSG JULIETSKI 45 (5 Branks) M Hammond 4-10-7 | P Carr (7) | GSG JULIETSKI 45 (5 Branks) M Hammond 4-10-7 | P Carr (7) | GSG JULIETSKI 45 (7) Branks BEAUTY 25 (8) Branks BEAUTY BETTING: 2-1 Forward Gien, 4-1 Beaumood, Hypnotist, 8-1 Venetian Sky, 8-1 Quaens Tour, 10-1 others,

1991: WENSLEYDALEWILLIAM 5-11-8 D Walenson (6-5 tav) C Thornton 6 ran

2.00 GLENGOYNE HIGHLAND MALT TAMEROSIA SERIES NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £1,795; 2m 41) (8 runners) 1 30-3221 FLIGHT HILL 8 (D.C.S.) (Mrs R Stanley) Mrs G Reveley 8-11-12 P Nivan 97
2 424885 WHO'S IN CHARGE 6 (F) (North East Racing Club Ltd) G Coatsworth 8-11-12 R Mariey 93
3 1FP-4F2 KAMBALDA RAMBLER 13 (S) (Mrs J Dudgeon) C Parker 8-11-6. B Storney 87
4 0804/85 LEFT HANDED 55 (Mrs V Kroa.) R Lamb 9-11-6. J O'Gorman 5 020250- STRONG BREEZE 240 (P Laterdord) R Fisther 8-11-6. G McCourt 6 58P-2U4 WAYSIDE BOY 39 (BF) (E Maddien) G Richards 7-11-6. G McCourt 99
7 /81-0401 ON THE HOOCH 1 (F.G.S.) (G Solman) Mrs 3 Bradburne 7-11-1. Mr J Bradburne 90
8 042500 CASTLE KING 7 (P Pilor) W A Stephenson 5-10-9. C Grant 1991: CANDLEBRIGHT 7-11-13 N Doughty (100-30 hav) G Richards 9 ran

2.30 BROUGHTON HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,710: 2m 4f) (5 runners) 

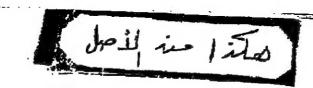
Long handicap: Sallytons 9-12, Real Lark 9-11, Carewell's Choice 9-8 SETTING: 7-4 Ballytons, 5-2 Dawadar, 4-1 Burn Bridge, 6-1 Real Lark, 8-1 Carswell's Choice 1991: LOGAMIMO 5-11-12 A Ortuney (8-2) J Hellens 6 ran 3.00 NARBOL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,777: 2m) (3 runners)

BETTING: 8-11 Achitibule, 2-1 Paknrush, 4-1 Eddies Well. 1991: MASTER SALESMAN 8-12-0 L O'Hara (6-4 fav) F Walton 4 rac

3.30 FIRST OF MANY NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,362: 2m) (15 runners)

1	2-1	WELLWOTDOUTHINK 28 (F) (A Flankigan) Mrs G Reveley 5-11-12 R Hodge (5)	_
2		BOWLAND CONNECTION (\$ Astaire) Miss Z Green 5-11-10	_
3		FEARLESS KING (E Robson) E Robson 6-11-10 Mass P Robson (7)	
4		MOORLANDS VIEW (Ryburn Recing) P Beaumont 6-11-10 Mrs A Farrell	_
5		POVERACCHIO (J Smith) P Montesth 5-11-10 F Perratt (7)	_
5		SONNENKA (Fleethern Recorg) R Latrib 5-11-10	_
7		SOUTHEND FLUTTER (N Mason) Mr N Mason 5-11-10	_
8		STEEL FABRICATOR (G & P Barker Ltd) J J O'Neil 5-11-10 A Dobbin (7)	-
9		TOPFORMER (M Hethenngton (Packaging) Ltd) F Walson 5-11-10 D Bentley (7)	-
0		ZILLJO'S-STAR (J Henderson (Galeshead)) J Johnson 5-11-10	_
1			-
2		MARAZAN (Nirs C Deizell) Miss J Enton 5-11-6	_
3		ASTRALEON (J Stephenson) R Alten 4-11-0 J Catlegham	_
6		COLOUR COST (D Sale) M Hammond 4-11-0 Mr S Lyons (7)	_
5		HOTDIGGITY (LI Col W Monierth) P Monierth 4-11-0 M Moloney (3)	_
TTING	t: 1-3	Wellwortdouthink, 5-1 Steel Februcator, 8-1 Sonnenka, 10-1 Topformer, 12-1 others.	

	COURSE SPECIALISTS						
TRAINERS J Hellens J Johnson W Storey N Tinkler C Tharnton M Hammond	Winners 3 7 3 10 4 3	Runners 6 20 9 33 15 12	Per cent 50 0 35.0 35.3 30 3 26.7 25 0	JOCKEYS G McCourt M Dwyss P Niven D Byrne C Grant K Ooolan	Winners 15 20 23 5 13 3	Rides 43 51 55 25 25 56 16	Per cen 34.9 32.8 24.2 24.0 23.2 18.6



TENNIS

# Top seed upset by confident Dunkley

THE Midland Bank national junior championships suffered its first shock yesterday when Jonathan Hind, the No. 1 seed, was knocked out 7-5. 6-4 by Matthew Dunkley.
Although Hind is the top

seed, he has never reached a national final and seems doomed never to do so. Dunkley had him on the run from the start, breaking early for a 3-0 lead and then breaking Hind again in the final game of each set to secure victory.

The laid-back Dunkley. complete with his ponytail and flat cap, had a feeling he was going to win the match from the start, despite having lost to Hind 6-0, 6-0 in their last meeting. "Every time he is seeded, he loses early on and I was confident going into the match." Dunkley

Dunkley's father is a professional coach in Bedfordshire and, having seen what life is like as a tennis player, the son has no wish to follow in the father's footsteps.

"I have no idea what I want to do, but I know I don't want to stay in tennis," he said. Dunkley Senior is more than

happy with his son's decision.
Dunkley's doubles partner,
Luke Milligan, the No. 7
seed, survived a marathon
encounter with Steven Clark
to win 4-6, 6-4, 10-8.
Milligan, from London, is a
middle distance proper assets middle-distance runner away from the courts and fuels his energetic frame with a diet of steak. Yesterday, he needed every ounce of strength as he ground down his opponent over three hours of gruelling

"It was a patchy match," Milligan said. "Then, at 8-7 down in the third set. I just decided to go for it and it paid off." Unlike his partner, Milligan wants to pursue a career on the circuit if only he can find a way of taking his A levels and playing tennis at

the same time. However, all good things

come to an end and Milligan and Dunkley finally ran out of steam in the doubles. losing to Ben Johnson and Nick Jones. The next time the two boys could have cause to meet may be in the singles semi-

In the girls event, the Essex girls are ruling the roost. The No. 1 seed, Mandy Wain-wright, of Chingford, was hardly troubled as she eased past Helen Frankland 6-0, 6-4. while Zoe Mellis, from Woodford Green, disposed of the No. 6 seed, Alison Green, 7-5, 2-6, 6-2.

Green, who is coached by the interestingly-named Segar Bastard, had been stretched in every round so far and against the left-hand-ed Mellis, she finally gave up the struggle. Mellis is one of Olga Morozova's charges at the Rover school at Bisham Abbey and, together with Frances Hearn, who beat Leyla Ogan, is one of only two Bisham survivors in the draw.

her chance of glory yesterday. She gave the No. 8 seed, Tina Croson, a run for her money before losing 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Adelaide: The top seed, Goran Ivanisevic, reached the quarter-finals of the Australian hard sout characteristics. tralian hard court championships yesterday with a 6-4, 6-3 victory over Stefano Pescosolido, of Italy.

Candy Reid almost took

ivanisevic, who says he represents the breakaway Yugoslav republic of Croatia, said he had vowed to take more risks in 1992. "This year is going to be different. I'm just going to do my best in each match and see what happens," Ivanisevic said. "It's going to be tough to beat me this year. I think I'm going to be a new player.

Last year. Ivanisevic slipped out of the top ten to sixteenth on the ATP Tour world rankings list. He will next play his doubles partner, Marc Rosset, of Switzerland.

Results, page 29

# **Swiss reach Hopman** final for first time

Perth: Manuela Maleeva-Fragnière and Jakob Hlasek. propelled Switzerland into the final of the Hopman Cup tennis tournament yesterday by winning their singles matches against the Spanish sister and brother: Arantxa Sanchez Vicario and Emilio Sánchez.

Maleeva-Fragnière won 6-3. 3-6, 6-3, and Hlasek then overpowered Emilio Sánchez 6-4, 6-3 in just 70 minutes. Switzerland are in the final

for the first time and tonight will play Czechoslovakia for the cup. The Sanchez family won this trophy for Spain in

Maleeva-Fragnière, born in Bulgaria, was more consistent in than Sanchez Vicario. who lost her first Hopman Cup singles match in six appearances, although both players made a series of un-

forced errors. Hlasek, born in Czechoslovakia, served and voileyed su-

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perbly against the less powerful Sánchez, and also consistently punished the

Spaniard's second service. The Czechoslovak combination of Karel Novacek and Helena Sukova defeated the top-seeded Germans, Boris Becker and Steffi Graf, 2-1 in Wednesday's first semi-final. A virus forced Graf to default her women's singles against Sukova and she was little more than a passenger in the mixed doubles.

Heinz Gunthardt, Graf's coach, said yesterday that she still was suffering from a middle ear infection and planned to spend two or three days recuperating in Perth.

He said the infection made it unwise for Graf to fly to Melbourne, where the Australian Open will be played from January 13.

RESULT: Semi-final: Switzerland bit Spain, 3-0 (Switzerland names first). Mislaton-Fraguere bit A Sünchaz Vicario, 6-3,3-6,6-3; J-Hassel: bit E Sünchaz, 6-4,6-3; I-Hassel: and Maleova-Fragulere bit Sünchaz and Sänchaz Vicario, 5-5.



# V-men that take the leap into a new void

question. Only seven weeks before the Winter Olympics, the world's great ski jumpers are confronted with a choice should they stick with the streamlined style they were brought up on, or should they join the

V-jumping involves spreading the skis into a V or scissors position immedately after take-off, instead of keeping them parallel in the classic style. The jumper, using his body as a kind of paractute, floats on the updraft, adding vital metres to his jump, before attempting the orthodox Telemark landing, with one ski advanced before the

Judging from the results from Garmisch-Partenkirchen this week, the sooner V, the better. The German resort staged the second leg of the Four Hills contest, which this season has at-tracted all the likely medal contenders in Albertville.

Three V-style jumpers were on the victory rostrum and the fifth-placed com-petitor, Jim Holland, of the United States, was also a Vman. With his second win-ning jump of 108.5 metres, Andreas Felder, of Austria, came within half a metre of the Garmisch-Partenkirchen record, despite the

Michael Coleman on a change in style that is carrying ski jumpers into new territory

short take-off gate being

To add to the revolutionaries' elation, secondplaced Toni Nieminen, of Finland, only 16 years old, who had won the first of the Four Hills competitions at Oberstdorf last Sunday, went into the overall World Cup lead. Second and third in the World Cup are other members of the V brigade, Werner Rathmayr, from Austria, and the Swiss Stefan Zünd, who was third at Garmisch.

ly bruised, the classicists, led by the world champion, Franci Petek, of Slovenia, take on the V-men again tomorrow in the third part of the Four Hills, at Innsbruck. Petek was fourth on Wednesday at Garmisch with his fellow-stylist, Ari-Pekka Nikkola, of Finland.

Austrians, I notice this season we were not doing so well. There was only one thing to do, and that was to go for it. I went over to V style. Once you master it, it is terrific."

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former East Germans, Dieter Thoma and Jens Wiessflog, have yet to

With their morale severe

Felder, for long a classic stylist and the World Cup mer last season, converted to V jumping almost overnight. Pre-season, he had experimented with the V style but after 150 trial runs, decided not to use it.

Style can suffer and points thereby lost, but judging from Garmisch, Felder and Nieminen are beginning to achieve per-fection. Last season the spreadcagle new style was penalised by judges, but that is no longer the case. The Norwegians and the

The V-style was introduced three years ago by a Swede, Jan Boklaev, who found difficulty in holding the classic position. He be-came the subject of ridicule but persisted, despite being deducted three penalty points each time as the FIS International Ski Federation) regulations then

He attracted imitators, especially among younger skiers, who found that with the wider skis then coming into vogue — increased from 10cm to 11cm — they were floating better and at-taining distances that previously needed years of practice. The FIS wilted and has now given the jump its recognition.

#### BASKETBALL

# Shackleford cannot hide emotions

TABLE TENNIS

with China and battling to a tiring Chen Xinhua and a struggling Matthew Syed. Who has been handicapped

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

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DALE Shackleford was kidding nobody when he suggested that defeat in the world invitation club championship did not matter to Worthing Bears. "This tournament means nothing. You've got nothing to show at the end of it," the player/coach said, but the look on his face suggested

A first-game knockout by New York All-Stars hurt and what made Worthing's 96-79 elimination at Crystal Palace

By RICHARD EATON

DESMOND Douglas, the

most successful modern Eng-

lish player who retired from

international competition a

year ago, will not be making a

comeback. The England cap-

tain, Donald Parker, had

hoped Douglas might be-

come available again, espe-

cially with his team trailing 1-

3 in the seven-match series

painful was that it was instigated by Shackleford's old house-mate, Herman Harried. The American scorer of points was living with Shackleford and his wife, Maria, during his season at Worthing two years ago.

on Wednesday all the more

After spending the following season with Phillopis of Thessaloniki in Greece, Harried was all set for a return to Worthing, until he suddenly discovered that the deal was

"I was looking forward to going back but there was

Douglas, who won the Eu-

ropean top-12 title and the

English nadonal champion-

ship a record 11 times, had

originally spoken of extend-

ing his 17-year international

career at next week's English

Open. He would also have

been particularly useful on

the long China tour to relieve

some sort of problem, so I didn't return," he said. Worthing's loss had been New York's gain on court and it was also to the benefit, off court, of juvenile delinquents back home in Baltimore, Maryland that Harried stayed. Harried has put his

6ft 7in physique to as much use with counselling work. An imposing, charismatic figure with his well-trimmed goatee beard, he feels duty-bound to help young petty crminals and drug dealers.

"I felt that I could relate to those guys as I've made it out

by Chinese excellence against

was not keen and I under-

stand that." Parker said. Al-

though Douglas has beaten

both Syed and the England

No. 2, Alan Cooke, and is

unbeaten in the British

league this season, he is ap-

"When I spoke to Des. he

backspin defence.

of the city," he said. "I didn't grow up in the ghetto, but I was close enough to understand what was going on.
"I look at myself as some-

one who didn't have to do those kind of things. I survived. This is an opportunity to tell them that they can do the same.

There were no former team-mates barring Kingston's path in the first quarterfinal. They beat Amsterdam Canadians 78-67, but Carl Miller's broken finger will keep him out of the rest of the

parently reluctant to risk a damaging defeat.

Chen and Cooke, who both

won once in the 4-2 defeat to

China at Sheffield on Wed-

nesday, were on duty again

RESULT: Chins bt England, 4-2 (Chins romes first): Ding Song tost to Chen Kiritus, 15-21, 21-14, 19-21; Xie Chaolin bt Syed, 21-4, 22-20; Chen Hongyu bt A Cooka, 21-18, 18-21, 21-17; Xie Chaolin bt Chen Xiritus, 21-23, 21-18, 21-12; Ding Song lost to Cooks, 15-21, 14-21; Chen Hongyu bt Syed, 21-18, 21-18, 21-19.

last night, along with Syed.

Douglas rules out comeback hopes

That bout became infapenalised points and was fortunate to keep the title he had Board of Control also punished Eubank's indiscretion

Sherry, introduced to professional boxing by Sugar Ray Leonard, still contends that he had the beating of

Hearn serves un **Sherry for Benn** 

BOXING

Sherry, of Canada, at London's Alexandra Palace on February 19. It will be Benn's third ap-

pearance at super-middleweight in his promotional agreement with Barry Hearn that is building towards a rematch next summer with Chris Eubank, the man who bear Benn to take the World Boxing Organisation middle-

The Benn-Sherry match carries an extra element of intrigue as it was the Canadian who came so close to beating Eubank when they met in Brighton last year.

mous for Eubank's backward butt. The champion was taken from Benn four months earlier. The British Boxing with a £10,000 fine.

NIGEL Benn is to meet Dan Eubank and, in many estimations, deserved to be ahead before the tenth-round

Benn has won his three comeback fights since losing to Eubank 14 months ago. but if he should lose to Sherry. the Canadian would have prior claim to a rematch against Eubank this summer.

Billy Hardy, meanwhile, plans a return to boxing, just seven months after announcing his retirement. Hardy, aged 27, made four succe ful defences of the British bantamweight title but was knocked out by the International Boxing Federation champion, Orlando Canizales, in Texas in May - and

quit the ring. It was the Sunderland boxer's second attempt to wrest the title from the American. Their first contest ended with Canizales winning on a split decision. "I needed a rest from boxing, but now find I am missing it too much," Hardy said yesterday. "I hope to be fighting again by the end of February.

#### AMERICAN FOOTBALL

# Cowboys feeling confident

BY ROBERT KIRLEY THE four National Football

League play-off fixtures this weekend feature rematches of lopsided games played earlier this season. More will be expected of the conference semifinals, which will determine the last four clubs on the road to Super Bowl XXVI in Minneapolis on January 26. On November 10, only the

clock could stop the Wash-ington Redskins, who scored steadily against the Atlanta Falcons until the tally was 56-17. On October 6, the Denver Broacos played away to the swarming Houston Oilers, who blocked an early punt. Denver vainly looked for a soft place to land and the Oilers won 42-14.

When the Kansas City Chiefs hosted the Buffalo Bills on October 7. Buffalo flaunted an undefeated record yet fell 33-6. The Bills skulked away like fugitives from the World League of American Football, On October 27, the Dallas Cowboys.

refreshed by a week off, travelled to the Silverdome, blew what few opportunities they had and were routed 34-10 by the Detroit Lions. Never mind that the aver-

age margin of those games was 29.5 points; the coaches always dismiss previous match-ups. Jimmy Johnson, the Dallas coach, said this week: "Those results can be

Glanville: inspirational

discarded. There is enough motivation with the positive goals in front of us."

Dallas, who have a sixgame winning streak, have defeated Philadelphia, Chicago and Washington away, but the Lions, led by the sensational Barry Sanders. are unbeaten at home.

Jerry Gianville, the blackclad Atlanta coach, will want his swaggering "too legit to quit" squad to show a prudent degree of discipline against the by-the-book Red-skins, who had a first-round bye. American oddsmakers favour the home teams — Washington by 13 points. Denver by three. Buffalo by ten and Detroit by two.

PDTUPES: Conference semi-finals (won-lost records in brackets, Not-off limes (NFT), Tomorrow: NFC: Attanta Falcons (11-6) at Washington Redslams (14-2), 17-30. AFC: Houston Colors (12-5) at Deliver Broncos (12-4), 21 00 Sunday; AFC: Kansas City Chiefs (11-5) at Buffalo Bills (13-3), 17-30. NFC: Dafas Comboys (12-5) \*at Deliver Lors (12-4, 21-80 Conference finals: January 12, Super Bowl XXVII: AFC Champions v NFC Champions (January 28 at 10s hubert H Humpitrey Atemotome, Minnespoles)

### Miami are crowned college champions THE University of Miami

were elected college champions yesterday, for the second time in three years and the fourth time since 1983, after beating the University of Nebraska 22-0 in the Orange Bowl on Wednesday (Robert Kirley writes). January 1 is the traditional day for six of the leading bowl games.
In voting by a panel of

reporters convened by the Associated Press, Miami received 32 first-place votes to 28 for the University of Washington, who beat Michigan 34-14 in the Rose Bowl. Miami and Washington did not face each other this

season, both finishing with records of 12 wins and no defeats. Unlike most other college sports, the big clubs do not play a tournament to determine who is best. The bowl games, promoted

by local businesses in sunny

climes, provide fodder for sea-

son-ending ballots and a win-

ter of debate by supporters. A

poll of coaches sponsored by USA Today and CNN had Washington No. 1 and Miami No. 2. "When we heard the

[Washington] score, it was like a foot race to win by more than they did." Eric Miller, a Miami defensive end, said. Miami, who led 13-0 after

scoring on their first three series, held the Nebraska Cornhuskers without a first down until late in the first half. The Cornhuskers failed to score for the first time in 221 games, dating to 1973. Nebraska, the best rushing team in the country during the season, gained only 82 yards on the ground.

RESULTS: Orange Bowl (x; Misch): Mismi 22, Nebraska D. Rose (Passdana): Wash-ington 34, Michigan 14. Peach (Attenta): East Carolins 37, North Carolins State 34, Half of Pame (Tamma): Synacuse 24, Ohlo State 17. Citrus (Orlando): California 37, Camson 13. Cotton (Dalfas): Florida State 10, Texas A & M 2. Plesta (Tempa, Ar-201a): Pam State 42, Tendesse 17. FINAL RANKINGS: 1, Mism. 2, Wash-ington; 3, Penn State; 4, Florida State; 5, Alabarra, 6, Michigan; 7, Florida; 6, California; 9, East Caroline; 10, Lowe,

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Salford

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Gallagher

SALFORD and Leigh are leading the chase to sign John Gallagher, the former All Black rugby union full back who has been out of favour at

Leeds are willing to release

Gallagher, who gained 18

international caps before

turning professional in a

four-year £350,000 deal 18

months ago. Gallagher, aged

27, scored 13 tries in 30

appearances for Leeds last

season, but has lost his place

to the New Zealand full back,

Morvin Edwards, since the

arrival at Headingley of

Doug Laughton as coach. Leeds, the league leaders.

are prepared to waive a trans-fer fee if another club can

negotiate a deal with Gallagher for the remainder of his

contract. Leigh had tried last

month to sign Gallagher on

loan, but are now looking at a

permanent deal. Salford are also interested, and Gall-

agher may prefer to join a

☐ Warrington's Welsh half back, Kevin Ellis, is free to

play against Leeds on Sunday

after being found not guilty following his sending-off on

Boxing Day. Ellis was sent off for an

alleged high tackle in the march at Widnes, but was cleared of any offence by a league disciplinary commit-

tee last night.

Leigh have made a new

offer to sign St Helens' back.

David Tanner, who turned

down a move to Hilton Park

two weeks ago after the clubs

Mark Lee. Salford's acting

captain in the absence of the

injured Ian Blease, will miss Sunday's match against St Helens with a thigh injury.

IN SRIET

Redmond

tops bill

THE £51 million indoor are-

agreed a £15,000 deal.

first division club.

# Francis faced by injury fears before FA Cup tie

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE manager of Sheffield Wednesday. Frevor Francis. may lose as many as six firstteam players to illness and injury for the FA Cup thirdround tie at Preston tomor-

Among those doubtful is the England international. David Hirst, who could be out for up to six weeks after being carried off with a torn thigh muscle in the 1-1 draw with Oldham Athletic on new year's day... The defenders Nigel Pear-

son, Paul Warhurst, Viv Anderson and Roland Nilsson. all missed the fixture with Oldham, at : Hillsborough because of 'flu, and there is a further worry over the fitness of Paul Williams, who substituted for Hirst on Wednesday and then picked up an ankle

Francis said yesterday: To lose Hirst is a big blow. He has been in good form. And I don't expect Paul Warhurst, Nigel Pearson or Viv Anderson to be fit enough for.

Francis, who is not fit himself following an ankle injury picked up in November. could give Gordon Watson another chance to partner Nigel Jemson up front if Williams is ruled out for the

# Crawley veteran filled with Cup optimism

TONY Towner is ready to retire if Crawley Town, the non-League side, are bearen in the FA Cup by Brighton, his former club, in the all Sussex third-round tie at the Goldstone Ground tomor-

The winger, aged 36, was tempted out of retirement to play in Crawley's victories over Northampton Town and Hayes in the previous rounds! He said: "Perhaps I'll carry" on if we win, but if the worst happens and we lose; there! It

probably call it a day." Towner spent six years with Brighton after signing as a teenager in 1972 and al-though he went on to play for Miliwall, Rotherham United. Wolverhampton Wanderers and Charlton Athletic, he

MAX Mosley, the president

of Fisa, the world governing

body, gave hope of a quick

and positive decision on the

fate of the world sportscar

championship, when he

opened the auto sports inter-

national show at Birming-

been threatened with extinc-

tion following an apparent

lack of interest by competitors

and speciators in 1991, but

Fisa agreed that if 20 teams

reaffirm their commitment

by January 31 the champion-

ship will continue. Yesterday

Mosley indicated that

enough entries may have

come forward and he will be

delighted to push for an earli-

The championship has

ham's NEC yesterday.

Towner's experience has Saturday with a knee injury. loan periods

Manchester City have not lost interest in signing Steve Bould from Arsenal, despite being given a firm refusal from George Graham City's player-manager, Peter Reid, this week had a bid of E750,000 rejected, but said: "I am still keen to sign him and will probably make another attempt."

Reid also made it clear that the move to strengthen his squad was no reflection on the form or position of another central defender, Steve Redmond. He added: "Steve has no need to worry about his place. He has been brilliant for us.

"It's simply a case of trying to strengthen our very small squad. If you are going to achieve success, you must have strength in depth. Redmond was no so sure.

He said: "Naturally, I am concerned about my prospects if we were to sign another central defender. I have spoken to the manager and can understand his view in wanting all-round cover. but I am worried that if a new central defender was signed, I would be the one to be edged out. I can't see the manager buying an expensive defender

going to go out, but with Brighton I honestly think we

"Brighton are going through such a bad patch and that has to suprove our

chance. There's bound to be a

big crowd and we will have

strong support with around 5,000 Crawley fans to boost

☐ The Middlesbrough mid-

field player, Mark Proctor,

to complete their plans.

We have 13 serious con-

tenders who want to run cars

in the world championship

and a further eight who are

keen to run in Europe in the FIA cup," said Mosley. "With this level of commitment it

would be a shame to cancel

the series, and to help the teams I will be pushing for a

committee decision as soon as

possible perhaps even in the

Good news for the champ-

ionship, too, was the first

sight at the auto sports show of two new British challeng-

ers for the series. It is claimed

that the radical new Allard

J2X has some of the most

advanced aerodynamics of

next lew days."

to play him in the reserves." Reid, who has joined the full back, Andy Hill, and the Mountfield, in tomorrow's FA Cup third-round tie at Nottingham Forest. Villa do not want the player cup-tied.

Blackpool have signed the
Leeds United full back, Dylan Kerr aged 24, on a month's loan. Blackpool have also

freed the former Birmingham City forward, played a big part in Crawley's Carl Richards, and he has best Cup run in the club's 95year history, and he firmly believes the side has a real signed for Enfield, the Diadora League club. Mel Pejic, aged 32, the longest serving player at Her-

midfield player, Steve Mc-

Mahon, among those being treated for hamstring injuries at Maine Road,said: "I came

back for the match against

Liverpool after being out for

five weeks with splintered ribs

and I may have done too

much too soon. My ham-

string tightened up yesterday. Hopefully, the damage has been minimised and I'll be

okay for the FA Cup tie at

Middlesbrough."

The Notts County midfield player, Paul Harding, is hoping for a transfer to another club so he can pay off his mounting bills. The former

Barnet player believes he carned more when he was

"My situation is serious," Harding said. "The only rea-

son I want a move is to get my

slice of the transfer money. If

I was sold, it would solve my

Mark Farrington, aged 27, is

facing an operation on a groin injury which will keep him out of action for six

Wolverhampton Wander-

ers have been refused permis-

sion to play the on-loan Aston

Villa centre-half. Derek

The Brighton forward.

working as a builder.

chance in the first Cup match hetween Sussex teams in eford United, yesterday joined Wrexham for around nearly 60 years. He said: If we had drawn Leeds, Manchester United or Liverpool, malistically you're Jason Beckford, the

Manchester City player, is considering a £50,000 move to the third division club, Birmingham City. The youn-ger brother of Darren, who was formerly with City but who completed a £925,000 move to Norwich City in the summer, has been unable to command a regular place in City's team.

He has made nine full appearances for the Manchester club and 16 as substitute, has been ruled out of the scoring twice. He made his ell was nome FA Cup third-round tie debut at Middlesbrough in against Manchester City on 1988 and has been on two

narrow cockpit to generate aerodynamic downforce to

"We think that we have the

most efficient racing car chas-

sis ever built," said the car's

designer Chris Humber-

stone. "In fact we have so

much downforce for corner-

ing that spectators shouldn't

be too surprised to see Allard

drivers wearing fighter-pilot-

built by the Lois racing car

company, features a Formula

One-type Judd V-10 engine

which has already allowed the

car to match the lap times of

the front-running Jaguars and Peugeots in initial tests at

Donington Park. Tim Harvey, the British driver, has

The second new sports car,

style G-suits."

increase its cornering grip.

World sportscar series set to survive

er decision to allow the teams tive needle nose and ultra-

Pearce's players are good value

BY WALTER GAMMIE

FOR Ted Pearce, Farnborough Town's third-round FA Cup tie against West Ham United at Upton Park tomorrow is a handsome reward for the lasting qualities he has brought to the club over two unbroken decades as manager. The rise of Farnborough from park football to third place in the GM Vauxhall Conference was founded in patient application of unwavering principles.

The Farnborough team that beat Torquay, of the third division, 4-3 in a famous second-round replay and will now run out again st the first division side, cost Pearce £12,000 to assemble. Half of that was on Mick Doherty, the midfield player, a record signing from Runcorn last season. The contest will form a clas-

sic contest of the profes-sionals against part-timers. "I have heard it said that may of the big names in the game would benefit from going away on a two-week management course," Pearce, who also applies his administrative skills on be-half of British Rail, said.

These days, Pearce can afford the hixury of a management team, headed by a coach, Alan Taylor, who was schooled in the West Ham academy but is not, Pearce stresses, the man who scored the two goals that won the 1975 FA Cup final against Fulham.

Pearce's helpers extend to a goalkeeping coach, Mike Savage, the physiothera-pist, Alan Morris, and Ken Ballard, the reserve team manager. It is all a far cry from 1970-1, when Pearce took over as player-manag-er of a ragged outfit that played intermediate foot-ball on a roped-off recreation ground and had little more than a set of kit to its

"I'd describe myself as not a very good non-League player," Pearce said. "What I had was a great passion for the game and a great enthusiasm for doing things right, for doing them in a professional fashion. I brought a high degree of discipline to the club and those things stay here to-day: organisation, profes-sionalism, discipline and

Key men in the rise of Farnborough were the . We are well-organised and

MOTOR SPORT

been tipped for inclusion in

the Euroracing Lola team's

driver line-up for 1992,

alongside Cor Euser of the

Britain's most popular nat-

ional motor-racing series, the

Esso British Touring Car

Championship is to be run by

a totally new company, re-

placing the RAC Motor

Sports Association, which

previously handled the day-

to-day organisation of the se-

For the next five years, Toca

Ltd, a company owned by

four of the leading team own-

ers, will run and promote the

championship. "We don't in-

tend to make any quick deci-

sions which would jeopardise

a successful formula," said

Toca spokesman Alan Gow.

CURRIE CUP (second day of four) East London: Natial 156 (J Photies 52: I Howell 5-39) and 37-2 Border 257 (B Osborne 92. R NacGlastien 4-72). Cape Town: Trans-wal 223 (D Cullman 73: M Pringle 5-57). Western Province 208-9. Port Elizabeth: Orange Free State 401 (H Crongs 112, F Slephanson 71). Eastern Province 211-4 (K Wessels 115)

CYCLING

Netherlands.



On right track: Pearce, the Farnborough manager, in his office at Euston they are often surprised by

"pied pipers", the players well-known in Sunday football circles in the town who were persuaded by Pearce to pledge themselves to Farnborough on Saturdays. "I knew I'd cracked it when I phoned a guy and he said you've got so and so playing for you, haven't you?'," Pearce said.

Now, Pearce is able to approach professional clubs with confidence and say to young players that they are better off in the first team here rather than in the second or third teams of Football League clubs.

THERE was no let-up by Mitsubishi as the Paris-Cape

Town rally got underway yes-

terday day after its enforced

one-day break. The Japanese

constructor took the first

three places in the eighth

Kinjiro' Shinozuka, of Ja-

pan, won the 695-km stage

from N'Diamena, the capital

of Chad, to Sarh in the south

of the country ahead of Erwin

Weber, of Germany, and Hu-

bert Auriol, of France, who

The rally was interrupted

on Wednesday for security

reasons following clashes be-

tween Chadian troops and

rebel forces as competitors

made their way to the capital

About 20 competitors in

under military escort.

retained the overall lead.

the standard of football". Danny Holmes, an atacking midfield player from Bournemouth, and Wayne Stemp, a full back from Brighton and Hove Albion. have both been at Cherrywood Road this season on

Pearce also kept a close watch on the movements of Fulham and Queen's Park Rangers forward, invalided out of the Football League and homesick in Hong

He has settled happily with Farnborough as the at-

Mitsubishi is first again

the motorcycle section failed

to reach the capital on Wed-

nesday night and camped

about 300km away, missing

the start of the stage. Though

they were later able to catch

up, they were penalised by 26

hours in the overall stand-

Auriol, who had his prob-

lems when his car hit a tree, is

still around 33 minutes

ahead of Weber and 35 min-

utes in front of Shinozuka in

the standings, two weeks

from the finish in South

In the motorcycles. Danny

Laporte, of the United States,

won the stage on a Cagiva,

pulling back some of his defi-

cit on the overall leader,

Stephane Peterhansel, of

France. Peterhansel was

tacking partner for Simon Read. Read, a prolific goal-scorer, moved into Farnborough after marrying a local girl and decided to play his football locally. "He's very laid back but very determined," Pearce said. "He's got a very spe-

That pair will look to capitalise on any offerings the West Ham defence. "I hope we play well," Pearce said. "If we do play well, you never know. A lot will depend on how West Ham play and if they play extremely well, we can't

fourth, 41 sec behind, but led

by 5min 24sec at the end of

Today's ninth stage takes

the rally 660 kms to Bouar in

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the day.

na in Birmingham opens its doors to athletics for the first time today, with Derek Redmond topping the bill.

The Birchfield athlete who

ran the second leg in the 4 x 400 metres at the world championships, will make a rare appearance in the 800 metres at the two-day Birmingham Mint Games.

England games off Volleyball: The women's matches between England and Lithuania in London today and tomorrow have been postponed because the Lithuanians are unable to leave Moscow.

Cheadle challenge Lacrosse: Cheadle, undefeated in two years, meet their close rivals, Heaton Mersey,

comorrow in the most imporant game of their season. Payne to step in Cricket: Andrew Payne, the

seam bowler, has been called up for England's under-19 tour to Pakistan after the Gloucestershire fast bowler, Jason De La Pena, fell ill.

Samuelson switch Athletics: Joan Benoit Samuelson, the winner of the first women's Olympic marathon, will try to win a place in the United States team at

10,000 metres instead. Pele heads poll Footbaff: Abedi Pele, the Olympique Marseilles forward, has been voted Africa's Footballer of the Year in a poll run by Afrique Football

any car and features a distinc-**SCHOOLS RUGBY** 

# Wales looking for repeat

BY MICHAEL STEVENSON

interval through a try from an WALES schools under-18. triple crown winners last spring after they sprang a surprise defeat on England at Colwyn Bay, open their international campaign at Neath tomorrow, when they entertain Scotland. Last season they beat the Scots at Kelso 14-10.

England's selection procedure advanced towards the divisional matches in January and February and the final trial, which will be at Nottingham HS on March 7, when Yorkshire, who were unbeaten, and Lancashire, who had lost only to Warwickshire. met in the Roses Match at Vale of Lune.

Yorkshire won the encounter 11-4, by two tries and a penalty to a try, though the strong end-to-end wind and tacky surface militated against expansive rugby. Yorkshire led 7-0 at the

overlap, scored by Rica, and a penalty by Stimpson, which was kicked from halfway and bounced over the crossbar. Immediately on the resumption, though, the Lancashire No. 8. Durican, drove over, having picked up in broken

With the wind advantage Yorkshire took command and the decisive score was a reward for considerable pressure. The ball went loose, following a lineout, and Wade, the Yorkshire No. 8. picked up and dived over.

The state schools Roses Match contributed ten players to the match at Vale of Lune, six in the Yorkshire side and four for Lancashire. Yates, the Yorkshire flanker, was outstanding despite play-ing with stitches in his head.

Eisewhere the county scene at 18-group has been domi-

nated in the southeast, by Hertfordshire, who are un-beaten, having registered good wins against Kent (2S-4) and Middlesex (49-0).

In the southwest, Devon, with their game firmly based on a rugged, powerful pack, won all their matches, though they only bear Somerset, heavily based on the successful King's Taunton team, by a couple of penalties to nil.

In the Midlands, Staffordshire won all their games, including a good win against Warwickshire, and in the North, Yorkshire made heavy weather of their 6-9 win against Cheshire at Calday.

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WALES UNDER-18: E Griffiths (Limburi
CS); C Moir (Afficied CS); S John (Padyr
CS), W Griffiths (Neath College), D Drew
(Brynodymaig CS); S Levie (Mean-Yr-Yrfa
CS), J Howkeld (Glentari); C Loader (Neath
College, captain). M Thomas (Namiston
CS); S John (Neath College), N Stubes
(Neath College), S Meladies (Dichts); N
Thomas (Macster CS); A Moore (Yale
Coll; C Thomas (Liendoway).

TENNIS

COLOGNE: Six-day race: Leeding positions (after third stage) 1, R Stumpl (Ger) and B Hotenweger (Switz), 67 pts: 2, A Kappes (Ger) and E de Wide (Bel), 33-3, R Guenther (Ger) and S Tourne (Bel), 24, 4, J Goergén (Ger) and J Veggerby (Den), st 1 lap, 46 ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Weshington Capitals 8, New York Islanders 5. FUSSEN, Germany: World, Junior championship: Umted States 5. Canada 9. Czechoslovatka 5. Community of Independent States 2. Sweden 4, Santzerland 3, Finland 2, Germany 0

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**RUGBY UNION** CLUB MATCHES: Glasgow High 11. Metrose 9: String County 35. Kirkcaldy 0. Seturk 27, Kelso 25. FOR THE RECORD

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Kepler Wessels: century for Eastern Province

Worce) bt O Hadden (N Scot) 6-4 6-1 J Williams (Micids) bt O'Connor, 6-1 6-2, M Ingham (Lancs) bt Delgado, 6-1 6-1 Girls: Second round: K Nicholson (Beds) bt H Bradford (Devon), 6-3, 6-0, L Austin (Susser) bt E Sitock (Lancs), 6-0, 6-3, L Woodroffe (Surrey) bt J Fitzgerald Susseri bi E Sitcock (Lants), 6-0. 63, L. Woodroffe (Surrey) bi J. Fitsgerair (Cneshrie), 6-2. 62. Third round' M. Warwinghi (Esser) bi H. Frankland (Derbys), 6-0, 6-4, S. Donovan (Herts) bit K. Martin (Surlow), 6-1, 6-2. L. Jellis (Oron) bit Nicholson, 6-1, 6-0. 2. Mellis (Esser) bit A. Green (Sulfolis), 7-8, 2-6, 6-2, S. Sackson (Cneshrie) bit L. Jones (Somersel), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, T. Croson (Derbys) bit C. Read (Surrey), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, F. Hearn (Medic) bit L. Ogan (Warwicks), 6-1, 6-2; Woodroffe bit Austin, 6-2, 6-0

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BRISBANE: Australian women's hard-court championship: Third round: C Graham (US) bt S Appelmans (Bel), 8-2, 6 2, M Endo (Japan) bt M Oremans (Neth) 2. M Endo (Japan) bi M Oremans (Neth), 62.63 C Konde-Klasch (Ger) bi N Pratt (Aus), 63, 63 R McChallan (Aus) bi P Thoran (Den), 63, 64. N Provis (Aus) bi S Frankl (Ger), 63, 62: A Temeswar (Hun) bi J Novolina (Cz), 53, 53: R Zrubakova (Cz) bi R Alter (Can), 64, 61, M Maleeva (Bul) bi B Paulus (Austria), 63, 75

WELLINGTON: Men's tournament Second round: A Volkov (CIS) bit G Bittom (tst), 7-6, 6-4 L. Nemecel: (Cz) bit B Black (Zim), 6-1, 7-6 M Washington (US) bit A Othovsiov (CIS), 6-1, 6-4. D Rangiso (ff) bit B Steven (NZ), 7-5 6-2: L. Koşlowski (Ger) bit T Zdrazia (Cz), 6-4, 7-5: K. Evernden (NZ) bit W Ferraira (SA), 6-4, 6-2; J. Taranga (US) bit V Palloherto (Fri), 7-5, 6-0, P Hashius (Neth) bit J Stark (US), 7-6. 6-1.

YACHTING

# Spanish plan second voyage of discovery

magazine.

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

THIS year's 500th anniversary of the discovery of the Americas by Christopher Columbus promises to draw together one of the largest gatherings of sail-training ships since the the American bi-centenary celebrations in

The Spanish organisers of the event expect more than 200 ships, including most of the eastern bloc, United States and South American square riggers, to congregate in Cadiz on May 5 for the start of a three-month, 5,000mile voyage that will end in Liverpool on August 14.

The course takes the fleet to the Canaries, then across the Atlantic to Puerto Rico before arriving for a parade of sail off New York on July 4. The last time the fleet sailed down the Hudson River on the

same day in 1976, more than 5 million people lined the shores.

The vessels, which all carry young trainees, then visit Boston before re-crossing the Atlantic bound for Liverpool.

Joining the fleet as far as Boston will be a group of former Whitbread yachts led by Pierre Fehlmann's ketchrigged. Merit, with the initial stages forming part of this year's Offshore Maxi world championship series.

☐ The Russian Red Star America's Cup challenge has told the organisers that they will have their yacht in San Diego before the January 15 deadline.

If the Red Star boat arrives before the deadline, then the rival Age of Russia boat already in San Diego will have

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# Rugby faces conflict between pay and play



Guscott: modelling job

THE growing conflict between the business interests of leading rugby union play-ers and their allegience to the ame.itself was underlined last night when Jeremy Guscott put a modelling as-signment before a vital Courage Clubs Championship match for Bath on Saturday and an England squad train-

ing session 24 hours later. Guscott will be in mid-air over the Atlantic Ocean on Saturday while his club colleagues play an important league game. It is an indica-tion of the fine line continually trodden by the leading players in what remains an

amateur sport. Bath are mightily contheir finest player. They meet Harlequins at The Stoop ground, Twickenham, in the league match of the day and an injury crisis within the side has exacerbated the

The prospects of Guscott flying out of London on Saturday morning for Miami, only a couple of hours before his colleagues play their most crucial match of the season to date, is alarming for Bath. The England centre apparently could not delay his departure until Saturday

But Bath recognise the delicate nature of the matter. Jack Rowell, their coach, called it "a sensitive issue" last night because there is recognition within the club that Guscott's increasing business activities have arisen in lieu of his transfer to a rugby league club. A club official said:"You

can't have it both ways. Rug-by wanted him to stay in the amateur code and not go pro-fessional so you have to ac-cept it when he is not

Rowell was careful to defuse any suggestion of a dis-pute within the club over the affair. He said: "There is nothing wrong whatsoever with Jeremy's attitude and no bad feeling.

Jeremy returned home early from a previous trip to America to play for us in the league match against Bristol just before Christmas. He didn't have to come back then but he did.

say it is not the best thing to happen at a time like this. You need your best people for all of your league

"But the pressures on the top players are continuing to grow and grow and this is simply an indication of just

Bath can ill afford his loss. They have more than a dozen first-team squad players in-jured and face the prospect of having to play some of them tomorrow at less than 100 per cent fit.

The match may prove critical to the outcome of the Courage championship and Bath, who have already been deducted a point for fielding an ineligible player, and lost a game to Orrell, cannot real-

Guscott has played just four matches for Bath this season - three in the league and a Pilkington Cup tie — and has been replaced in the England squad for the weekend session by Gavin Thompson, of Harlequins. The absence of the Bath centre, combined with the

uncertain match fitness of several other England internationals, can hardly be reas-suring for England only 15 days before they begin the defence of their grand slam crown against Scotland at Murrayfield.

Mickey Skinner, the backrow forward, plays his first senior match since the World Cup final for Harlequins Dean Richards, the No. 8, is also back for Leicester but Geoff Cooke, the England manager, hinted last night that his return may have come too late for selection

"Mickey has played a couple of second-team games but Dean is the one of most concern to us because has has hardly played any rugby at all. At this stage, it is a bit late for him." Cooke said. The readiness of certain

other England players for international rugby may also be the subject of some specu-lation, although Cooke insisted he had no great worries on the subject.

Neither Rob Andrew or Jeff Probyn have played firstteam rugby recently and Brian Moore returned after his

Most of the others have been playing recently, and Cooke said: "I don't see it as a problem. These guys keep themselves very fit, even when they are not playing in the first team.

"But they will probably all play on January 11 - a week before the Calcutta Cup match - and we shall have to keep our fingers crossed they do not get injured." Of Guscott's absence.

Cooke pointed out that this weekend's England session was an extra one and not on the original schedule. "But it is obviously a big blow to Bath not to have him." the England manager said.

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'Nightmare' defeat gives hopes to pursuers

# United desert high ground in their title chase

FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE psychological high ground, as well as the leadership of the first division, has been deserted by Manchester United. As soon as they had been elevated to the position of clear Football League championship favourites. they meekly surrendered their advantage in a manner that even their own manager, Alex Ferguson. found incompre-

For a couple of his players to be off colour on New Year's day might have been tolerable. For the whole side to be so pale stretched the limits of quence, a 4-1 humiliation by Queen's Park Rangers, merely a blip or a sign of a more lasting deficiency?

Ferguson insists that he does not expect to be let down so badly again. But "the nightmare", as he described their woeful contribution to the fixture at Old Trafford, could haunt them not only during the forthcoming cup ties against Leeds United, but when they resume their League programme next

Alan Hansen, the former Liverpool and Scotland defender, believes that the defeat. United's heaviest at home since 1978, may not be catastrophic.

Crowds on

course to

break 20m

A CHRISTMAS surge has

put the Football League back

on course to break the 20

million attendance barrier for

the first time in ten years. An

extra 140,000 supporters pushed through the turnstiles

over the holiday period com-

pared to the same spell last year — although 22 more

matches were played - boost-

ing hopes of a sixth consecu-

tive season of growth for the

League before it disintegrates

Recognising that there are

addition of a 93rd club, a

League spokesman said: "We

bine with a bigger first divi-

sion to take us well past the

19.5 million mark of last

year." With 1.5 million sup-

porters attracted in the last

seven days, the aggregate

total for the season is nearly

half a million up on last year

at 10,799.478. Clubs have

aiready played 53 more

games, giving an average of

10,064, down 25 on last

137 125 136

next summer.



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midable Liverpool side he led enduring "days when you know that nothing is going to go right.
"That is how it looked for

Hansen can recall the for-

United, and how they react to it will be a genuine measure of their ability to win the United's response to their

only other League defeat this season, at Sheffield Wednesday on October 26, was to win six of their next seven games. The run, which pronelled them back to the top of the table, indicated that they might indeed be resilient enough to stay there until

Doubts have been raised not only in their own minds. but in the minds of the pursuers. They might have imagined that United, who could have been five points clear with two games in hand, were destined to end a champion-

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Manchester United meet Leeds United at

Elland Road on Sunday in the second of their

three encounters in 11 days. This time the

competition is the FA Cup, and tomorrow. Lee Chapman, the Leeds player commenting

Manchester United players he most admires

LIVERPOOL have been giv-

en special permission to bend

the FA Cup rules by staging a

replay with Crewe Alexandra

at Antield within two days of

The FA approved Liver-

the original tie. if it is drawn.

pool's request to bring for-

ward a possible second

meeting to Wednesday - FA

rules prohibit replays within

ten days of the original

The restriction was made

reluctantly at the request of

the police, who were worried

about providing adequate

But the wording of the new

rule allows an opt-out if both

agreement over a date. "This

really drives a bus through

our regulation but, as all the

parties seem to be happy, we agreed to the date." Steve

Clark, the FA Competitions

The original tie is being

played on Monday for the

benefit of BSkyB television.

Liverpool told the FA they

could not stage a replay be-tween January 12 and 24 because of building work on a

stand to comply with the Tay-

secretary, said.

clubs and the police reach

manpower at short notice.

match.

Followers of United have yet to be convinced. It was significant, for instance, that a small section of younger supporters, celebrating Neil Webb's goal against Leeds at Elland Road last Sunday, was advised by their elders to stop a particular chant "We're going to win the League." they had been singing.

The crowd on Wednesday seemed almost to sense before the kick-off that something was amiss.

Ferguson had earlier expressed the same fear but nobody could have foreseen that United would sink to such depths. Bryan Robson, surely, would not have presided over the widespread capitulation.

Nor would the most efficient defence in the first division have become so vulnerable. In the absence of their captain. United have conceded eight goals in their last three matches, a statistic which confirms that, in spite of his advanced age, Robson remains an essential member of Ferguson's line-up.

Lee Sharpe was similarly essential last season, especially in the European Cup Winners' Cup, but his longawaited return was completed amid the most dispiriting of circumstances United's stunning reverse

will, inevitably, reinforce the belief in their chances not only of Leeds - one of seven first division clubs who remained unbeaten in their three games over the festive period — but also of the more distant challengers. Even Liverpool, another to avoid defeat, can still consider themselves to be in realistic

"We reminded Liverpool

they would be breaking a

rule." Clarke said. "And we

said the Merseyside police

would never agree. But they

in the Rumbelows Cup it

would have been out of the

question. And we would not

have granted permission if

they had been playing some-one like Manchester United

☐ Ian Rush, the Liverpool

forward, is to undergo more

surgery on the knee injury

that has restricted his senior

appearances this season (lan

a cartilage operation six

weeks ago, the problem per-

sists and it is unlikely that he

will resume training before

time," Graeme Souness, the

manager, said. "Ian has been

suffering from swelling

around his knee and after our

surgeon had carried out a

thorough examination it was

decided that another opera-

Pearce's reward, page 29

tion was necessary.

"It is more serious this

the middle of next month.

Although Rush underwent

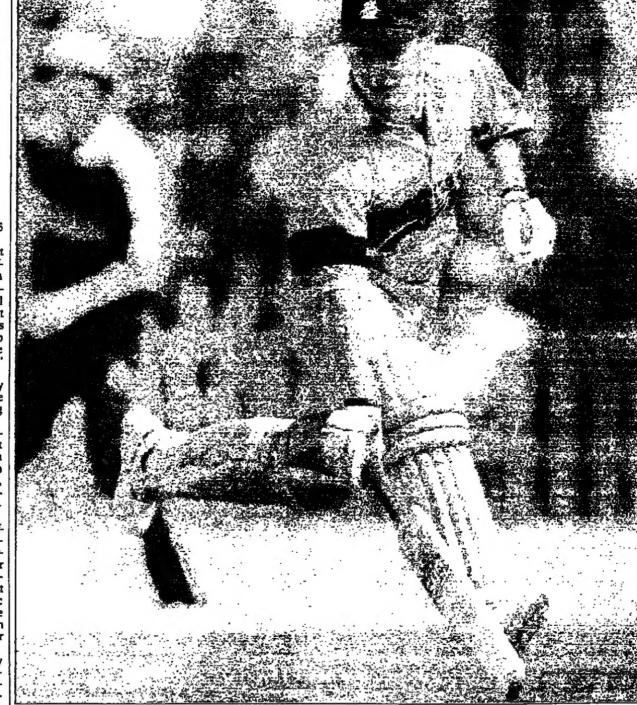
"If Liverpool were involved

had no objection.

Ross writes).

Replay short cut

for Liverpool



Home run: Neil Fairbrother, the leading scorer for England in their one-day win over Auckland in the first match of their tour, completes another run in his total of 44. Photograph by Graham Morris

# Tufnell turns things his way

FROM ALAN LEE CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN AUCKLAND

THERE may be no obvious elation attached to the scrambled victory over a provincial side with a single ball to spare, but beneath the bare bones of yesterday's result at Eden Park lay relief and encouragement for England's

The casualty rate among touring teams taking their first tentative steps, like a child in new shoes, is alarmingly high and Auckland, the strongest side in New Zealand, were determined to increase it. They, after all, had bowled out the last Pakistan touring team for a humbling 48. For Graham Gooch's similarly under-prepared players, this was a daunting fixture to face only four days after entering the country from the festive midwinter of home.

It could have gone better. With an original asking rate of only three runs an over, England should not have been risking embarrassment by still requiring seven from the game's final over. Nor should Neil Fairbrother and Allan Lamb, after batting for 31 and 20 overs respectively. have given themselves up to the son of shots they might play if anxious to get the next man in during a benefit

"We would like to have won more comfortably," Gooch 'And probably we said. should have done." But this was a minor carp. Gooch will be pleased that Fairbrother and Lamb. in addition to Smith and Hick had such time in the middle and he will

know that, the frantic finale notwithstanding. England were winning at an impressive canter for much of the game. Indeed, Auckland's captain, Jeff Crowe, con-

fessed that it was only in the last over that he felt his side had any chance at all. The most pleasing aspect of the touring team's game was the discipline of the bowling and fielding. After only two days of outdoor practice in a new climate, it is by no means a formality to step out and perform in the field as if it was August at Edgbaston. Yet

England managed it. Four of the bowlers conceded well below three runs an over. There was not a single no-ball, not a single catch dropped and no sign of the red-faced incompetence of last winter's outcricket in

A sweet moment, heartily applauded by Gooch, came when Philip Tulnell, the hapless epitome of England's hamfisted fielding a year ago. saved an apparently certain four struck by John Wright. chasing, diving and return-ing with a previously unsus-

Morrison o Hick b Lewis . Imgle b Reeve Walson not out Exiras (lb 12, w 11)

FALL OF WICKETS 1-22, 2-54, 3-60, 4-60, 5-73, 6-90, 7-113, 8-114, 9-144

BOWLING DeFraits 10.328.2 Louis

Total (50 overs)

for Tufnell, whose confidence pected commitment and If given his head to bowl in

This, however, was simply the aperitif of Tufnell's day. Called upon to bowl the eighteenth over, with Auckland cruising at 51 for one, he reduced them to 90 for six with a spell which showed the merits of an attacking spin bowler in limited-overs

Tufnell's four, top-order wickets were not gained by the attritional methods beloved of the majority of recent English slow bowlers. He did not seek to stop the batsmen scoring and then regard a frustrated victim as a bonus. He set out to take wickets through guile and deceit. "You've got to attack to

defend," he said. Gooch gave a deeper in-sight into the bowling which won this game. "He has got flight and variation, those are his strengths. Some slow bowlers, like John Emburey. like to bowl to a tight line and length but Phil mixes it up and attacks. I would never look to interfere with him. He bowls how he wants to."

This is good news, not least

# SCOREBOARD FROM AUCKLAND

AUCKLAND W Brown to Turnell I C Vaughan libw to Pringle N Patel c Gooch to Tulnell R Pringle to Turnell J Hunt not out D S Smith to DeFreitas . . .

Total (5 wirts, 49.5 overs) ...... 158 C C Lewis, D R Pringle, P A J DeFreites and P C R Tutnell did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-15, 3-56, 4-99, 5-134.

A Hick not out

BOWLING. Monison 9-2-22-1, C Pringle 9-5-3-33-1; Watson 10-1-21-0; Brown 10-2-21-2, Vaughan 7-1-33-1, Patel 4-0-20-0.

solid until astounded by a flying left-handed catch at mid-off by Justin Vaughan, a 24-year-old skin specialist who was born in Hereford. Fairbrother, advancing down the pitch to bowlers of

medium-pace, added 43 in 14 overs with Lamb, but both were out to needless, head-inair excesses and Hick, at No. 6, had a game to win.

drained away on his first tour.

his refreshing, hit-me-if-you-

can style, he could first be a

match-winner on the slow

Test pitches of this country,

and then relegate the more limited Richard Illingworth to a bystander in the World

Cup. These are early days, and the optimum remains a

distant ambition for one with

ment, but if he has won over

his captain's faith and confi-

dence, he is well on the way.

The New Zealand captain

inten

Martin Crowe, was among

observers, and, despite Auck-

land's defeat, it is likely that

up to seven of them will reap-

pear under Crowe in the first

one-day international here

Their new-ball attack of

Morrison and Chris Pringle

was impressively lively on

such a lifetess surface, strip-

ping away the England open-

ers within five overs. Smith was a tougher nut and looked

more

the

next Saturday.

Tufnell's volatile tempera-

He mixed strokes of command with some of ugly conception but, despite two balls of beamer height from Pringle, he saw England through, if only by dint of an insideedged four to fine leg.

# Happy return of old winner

By PHIL YATES

CLIFF Thorburn, who was close to death 14 months ago, beat Dene O'Kane 5-3 to reach the fifth round of the £325,000 Mercantile Credit Classic at Bournemouth yesterday, evidence that he and his snooker are in good

The 1980 world champion spent four weeks in hospital in October 1990 recovering from a poisoned appendix and a blood clot on the lung. He lost 26lb in weight.

Thorburn, who finished the 1990-1 season 35th on the ranking list, was his old self against O'Kane, ranked 18. From 1-2 he made breaks of 40, 53 and 45 to lead 4-2. At 65-0 in the next his place in the last 32 seemed assured.

However, O'Kane produced a match-saving 73 dearance to win the seventh frame on the black only for Thorburn to fashion a 68 with his first scoring opportunity in the following frame.

Thorburn said: "To go from being a top seed straight into the rat race is quite a culture shock. Playing in qualifying rounds at the start of the season was awful for

Steve James battled against a nasal and chest infection, which has caused him to take a course of antibiotics over the Christmas period, during a 5-3 victory over Mark Johnston-Allen

James, the world No. 7 and winner of this event in 1990. recovered from the loss of the first two frames to lead 3-2 before Johnston-Allen, who beat Stephen Hendryin the European Open earlier in the season, won the sixth on the black to level.

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James snatched the seventh on a responed black and a fluke on the black in the eighth took him through to the fifth round against Ken Doherty, who beat Tony Drago 5-0.

# **S** Africans offer to take lead

Johannesburg: South Afri- 🌮 can officials pledged to help develop sennis on the Continent yesterday after being admitted to the African Tennis Confederation.

Chris Negobo, president of the new, non-racial body Tennis South Africa, said: South Africa is expected to play a major role in the dev-

elopment of African tennis." The game in South Africa has been played mainly by whites and many urban areas enjoy facilities of an international standard.

Tennis South Africa, which was provisionally readmitted to the International Tennis Federation in October, is expected to stage two ATP grand prix events this year and to send players to the Barcelona Olympics. (Reuter)

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HOLIDAY CROWDS